Back-to-work order defied by left-wing pit leaders

miners now on unofficial strike intend to reinforce their challenge to the Government's coal industry. policy, despite the instruction from. fall on everyone in higher taxes or the NUM executive yesterday that interest rates.

Left-wing leaders of the 50,000 the men should return to work. In the Commons, the Prime Minister gave a warning that the miners' defeat of the Government would

More than 300 striking miners picketed the NUM offices in Euston Road, Lon-

enough."

Mr Trevor Bell, secretary of the union's Colliery Officials and Staff area, said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had been foolish enough to think that the downward trend that her Government had created in British industry could go on without a group of workers.

without a group of workers somewhere, sometime, deciding enough was enough."

Government into an unexpec-tedly early retreat from its position of allowing to increase in the coal board's cash limits,

now rests on meetings that are due to be held today and over the weekend. York-shire pitmen and those in North

Derbyshire are due to join the present unofficial strike at the

If they do so, the Government will remain under continuing duress at a time when it is

engaging in talks with leaders of the "triple alliance" unions the NUM, the National Union

of Railwaymen, and the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation

on the general outlook for the

nation's basic nationalized industries. Those discussions open with ministers on Monday

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first shift on Monday.

The outcome of the unofficial strike movement that forced the

Yorkshire may join the walkout

Ey Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The Government's industrial crisis over striking pitmen looked far from over last night despite an instruction from the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers that there should be an immediate return to normal working.

Left-wing coalfield leaders who have brought out more than 50,000 miners on unofficial strike plan to continue their

strike plan to continue their challenge to the Cabinet policy for the coal industry, and they may be joined today by Britain's largest mining area, Yorksbire.

There was a partial return to work in Scotland and Durham yesterday as the NUM execuyesterday as the NUM executive gathered to vote on the
return-to-work formula worked
out in talks with Mr David'
Howell, Secretary of State for
Energy, which guarantees hugenew state aid for coal mining.
Meu at seven pits in the
militant Scots coalfield went
back, but the miners in South
Wales and Kent remained
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In Yorkshire, where more than 1,000 pitmen were on strike at Orgreave and Park Hill, two collieries that had been threatened with closure, the NUM area council will be recommended by Mr Arthur Scargill, the coalield president, to strike from Monday.

"We believe that there

"We believe that there should be firm assurances on the table that are not present at the moment", he said yester-day. "The coal board should declare that all those pits named in the programme are not to be closed."

Area leaders of the Scots and South Wales miners will be putting similar arguments to to the forthcoming talks, the their members today, despite union would implement its ministerial assurances that the previous decision to go to the Government is ready to step in men with a recommendation

with huge cash subventions to for national strike action, stem the flow of coal imports. More than 300 su and ease the coal board's finan-cial constraints laid down under offices in Euston Road, London, yesterday when the executive arrived to take the decision, and there were jeers as
moderate-leaders went in Even
Mr Scargill, many of whose
members have not yet joined
the unofficial strike, did not
escape the wrath of the pickets.
He was criticized by Kent
miners for "not being active
enough". the Coal Industry Act, 1980.

Their moves contradict the pleas made by Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the NUM, to "responsible" members of the union's national executive to secure a return to work. The executive voted yesterday by 15 to 8, with one abstention, to approve a policy of accommodation with the Cabinet and the coal board after the minis-ter's and employers retreat from the 23 pit closures they

had originally intended. The successful motion, which divided the miners' leadership along familiar left-right political lines, said the workers should accept that the outcome of the talks at the Department of Energy on Wednesday night represented "a victory for NUM policy and common-

It went on to instruct the miners' national negotiators to meet the coal board and other unions in the industry "to for-mulate the biggest financial package to put to the Government at the next meeting ".

Talks on a financial rescue for the coal industry are to be resumed next Wednesday. In the meantime, the executive insisted on saying, despite pleas insisted on saying, despite pleas from Mr Scargill and Mr Michael McGahey, the leader of the Scottish pitmen: "We instruct our members who are now on strike to return to work".

The palliative that did not satisfy militant members of the executive was that if there was an "unsatisfactory outcome".

unsatisfactory outcome

Shrinkage in economy heads for 1930 level

By Melvyn Westlake By Melvon Westlake
Britain's economy sbrank by
5} per cent during 1980, effectively wiping out much of the
growth that took place in the
two previous years. The full
dimensions of the recession
which arrived last spring became clear yesterday with the
first official estimate of the
slumn in gross domestic proslump in gross domestic pro-duct during the whole of last

year.
Gross domestic product is the Gross domestic product is the measure commonly used to express the size of a nation's economy and changes in its performance. Yesterday's figures show that gdp contracted by 51 per cent between the fourth quarter of 1980.

However, as the economy was declining throughout the year, the average level of gdp last year showed a slightly smaller drop compared with the

year showed a slightly smaller drop compared with the average of 1979.

On this basis the decline was 3 per cent, roughly in line with the Treasury forecasts which accompanied Sir Geoffrey Howe's November mini-Budget, but slightly greater than expected at the time of his full Budget last March.

A further shrinkage in the economy, of about 11 per cent this year, is also expected by government economists, although many others predict

government economists, al-though many others predict that gdp will fall by as much in 1981 as in 1980. This would make the present

recession twice as deep as the one in 1974-75, which was the previous worst since the war. In those two years together, gross domestic product fell about 3 per cent.
It would also mean that the

present contraction of the economy was similar in magnitude to the great slump of 1930-31 when the fall in gdp was about 7 per cent in the two years taken together.

Industry, particularly the manufacturing and construction industries, have borne much of the brunt of slump this time, although the distributive sectors have also been hit.

Agriculture, which accounts for only a timy proportion of the priories of the priories.

for only a tiny proportion of the nation's output, has done rather better, while the trans-port and communications sec-tors have also begun to be affected as the recession has progressed.

As North Sea oil and gas pro-duction was up in 1980, the fall in the rest of the economy is even bigger than the overall figure suggests.

rigure suggests.

The main engine of the recession has been huge and distributive manufacturing have been hit hard by the monetary squeeze, high interest rates and rising costs.

Stocks are often financed on

borrowed money and companies have been forced to take action to bring down their costs by every possible method. As well as cutting stocks, they have shed labour and reduced capital investment.

Separate figures published yesterday show that stocks of manufacturing and distributive industry were slashed by over £2,000m (at 1975 prices) or some 7 per cent last year—the some 7 per cent last year—the highest drop ever recorded.

The fall in stocks during the fourth quarter of 1980 alone was £940m, the bulk of this destocking occurring in the manufacturing sector. Stocks of materials and fuel, as well as

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The Pope and the photographers: An alert photographer caught the Pope yawning at Mass in Quezon yesterday during his strenuous tour of the Philippines. In Paris yesterday the French photographer, Rene Leveque, won a first prize in the World Press Photo Contest for his shot (below) of the Pope making fun of photographers at an Philippines tour, page 7

New Polish regime's deal with farmers ends months of unresa

From Dessa Trevisan Warsaw, Feb 19

The Polish authorities today recognized in fact, if not yet in law, the independent Rural Solidarity union by signing an agreement with its representa-

Their action ended a six-week strike in Rzeszow, in south-east Poland, and removed the re-maining source of tension after the settlement reached yester-day with the students.

The Ministry of Agriculture and the strike committee of Rural Solidarity, reinforced by Mr Lech Walesa, the chairman of the independent Solidarity union, agreed after negotiations that the theory when the control of the independent Solidarity union, agreed after negotiations that the theory was the control of the contro that went on throughout the night on a number of crucial

night on a number of crucial issues.

The agreement heralds radical changes in Poland's agricultural policy, and in the status of private farmers whose cooperation is vital in the Government's struggle against the country's economic difficulties.

The agreement did not include the question of recognition of Rural Solidarity, but in accepting the signatures of its accepting the signatures of its founders, the Government left open the way to formal recognition. The farmers agreed to shelve the issue, hoping for a possible compromise solution.

Under the agreement private the agreement private the fundamental to the guarantees. lend ownership is to be guaran-teed by special legislation in Parliament incorporating the

That obviously made the far-mers feel insecure:

The formers, who have been complaining about official discrimination in favour of state-owned farming estates, have also been guaranteed equal treatment and other

That obviously made the far-

equal treatment and other improvements in their position. With this issue settled and the farmers accepting the Government's pledges of new support for agriculture and agreeing to wait for their association to be made legal, the country is free or over the made set of the strife for free of open demostic strife for the first time since early last

the first time since early last summer.

The astonishing thing is that it has happened within the new Government's first week. General Woiciech Jaruze'ski, the new Prime Minister, restored peace without having recourse to threat of force, but by pursuing negotiations. That has created a climate for the Government to carry out its programme of urgent referms.

Obviously, it will require sacrifice and good will from the population but the Government has acquired the trust which its predecessor clearly lacked.

Meat and sugar rationing is

Meat and sugar rationing is to be introduced a month or reached by the Government was reached by the Government with Soliderity. The sugar ration, which has been set for a number of years at two kilos (just over 4 lb) a person a month, is to be reduced to 1.5 libes

teed by special legislation in kilos.

Parliament incorporating the guarantee into the constitution.

Farming in Poland is overwhelmingly in private hands, but there were many issues left unclear, particularly concerning the inheritance of land.

Honth, is to be reduced to 1.5 kilos.

Meat rationing is expected within a month, and according to the agreement, each person is to receive an average of 3.5 kilos of meat a month, But no unclear, particularly concerning agreement could be reached over butter rationing.

Reagan budget under attack by liberals

Weshington, Feb 19 Members of Congress and other public figures have reacted to President Reagan's economic message along predictable partisan lines. Senator Edward Kennedy, the Democratic Party's leading liberal, said: "I am not prepared to see the social progress of a generation swept aside in a few short weeks." Mr Mickey Edwards, a Republican congressman, said that the proposed measures were "the beginning of a political revoluother public figures have

pressman, said that the pro-posed measures were "the beginning of a political revolu-tion in this country.".

He observed that the Presi-dent would find it difficult to get his proposals through Congrass herausa everyone whose ox has been gored, and that's going to include just about everybody, is going to be squealing "

The President bimself has retired to his ranch at Santa Barbara, California. Before leaving, he said; "We believe that the main source of strength in this country is going to be the people themselves. We believe also that they are ready to support a great change."

The most hostile reaction,

predictably, came from liberals. The congressional black caucus denounced the plans as attack-ing "programmes that are the lifelines for millions of poor Americans".

The President's supporters have taken to the air to defend the proposals. Mr Donald Regan, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr David Stockman, the Secretary of the Office of Management and Budget, were on breakfast television Mr Resgan has proposed cuts

He intends to propose sharp increases in the defence budget (\$90,000m in the next three years) but the enact figures have not been revealed yet. Testerday's exercise was a "message" to Concress. The formal revisions to the budget will be delivered next month.

laučly cheered when he entered the House of Representatives to make his speech last night. It was the first time he has ad-dressed Congress. The speech was delivered at 9 cm to allow as many people as possible to watch it on television.

The American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations, which is holding its annual congress in Florida, denounced the President's proposals. It said that they substitute unrestrained market power for social responsibility and human concerns? The President's programme was "a high risk gamble with the future of America".

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Thatcher warning on cost of miners' win

Political Editor - --

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday gave a warning that the Covernment's defeat at the hands of the miners would fall on everyone, either through higher taxes or higher interest

rates. The Prime Minister, attempting to cut through the clamour of criticism and derision pro-voked in and out of Parliament by the Government's about-turn, tried claiming credit for the way she had brought the crisis to an end. "The action was swift and eecisive", she snapped at Commons question

Mrs Thatcher was determined not to go beyond what was con-ceded at Wednesday night's meeting regarding the Govern-ment's willingness to increase spending. But she insisted that the only place the money was to be found was from the people if this country.

"When people constantly ask or more money I hope they vill keep that in mind," she

Last night senior ministers aid that the concession on coal nade the Government more letermined than ever not to five in to other unions. The rime Minister made it quite their that she was swallowing er pride, and in no mood for ooling with those who jeered

There was no rejoinder to Mr Merlyn Rees, the shadow nergy spokesman, who scoffed,

ment policy, like a juggernaut, had "jackknifed".

Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, could, like Mrs Thatcher before him, only repeat the carefully guarded terms in which he had skidded from the Government's cash limit policy in his talks with the coal industry. That confirmed that it was

the Government that had made the first move in easing its constraints. In his statement to the Commons he recounted:
"I said that the Government was prepared to discuss the financial constraints with an open mind and also with a view to movement.

"The chairman of the National Coal Board said that in the light of this the board would be withdraw their closure proposals and reexamine the position in consultation with

As regards imports, he went on: "The industry representa-tives said they wished to see this figure brought down to its irreducible minimum. I said that the Government would be prepared to look, with a view to movement, at what could be done to go in this direction.

A senior minister last night said he did not expect the sums involved to be great. But Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, is said to believe that they will amount to close to 5200m in addition to the

Mr Howell faces Tory anger

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Tory backbeach demands that Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, should be dismissed for giving the Government wrong advice, were voiced at a private meeting of party's parliamentary

energy committee last night.
Mr David Howell, Secretary
of State for Energy, who
attended the meeting to explain the negotiations with the miners, was said to have been given a rough time by angry

They strongly questioned Mr Howell on whether he had opened the door for a fundamental change of policy on import controls and also on

cash limits. Conservative backbenchers, conscious that the party is opposed to import controls, put forward their suspicions that by giving way to the miners' demands the Government could leave itself open to similar demands from steel and textile

But there were other challenges from backbenchers at the drift of government policy. Some pointed our that the Government was giving way to public sector industries such as coal and steel, while penalizing the private sector with high interest rates,

It was time, they said that he Government should do more Continued on page 2, col 3 for the private sector.

Bomb kills soldier at KGB base

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Feb 19

Soviet sources today in-directly confirmed reports circulating in Moscow that a bomb exploded near the headquarters of the KGB security police earlier this week, killing Russian soldier.

The explosion apparently occurred on Monday afternoon in Kirov Street, leading off the square where the large granite headquarters of the KGB are situated. It is not clear how or where the bomb was planted, but there are strong suggestions that the motive was political. The sources agreed today that

there had been an incident, and that an engineer was killed, but suggested the motive was a private vendetta. However, a local police station told Western correspondents that they should ask the KGB for details, as they were handling the case—a clear hint that the authorities believe the purpose to have been political.

clearly have been timed to coincide with the opening of the Communist Party Congress here, and may have been intended as a protest by one of the nationalist groups in the Soviet Union.

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The most active of those are the Armenian nationalists, who were responsible for planting a bomb in the Moscow under ground four years ago. At least seven people died in that incid-ent and three men were shot in 1979. A year after the bombing the Government published a decree tightening control over the storage and registration of A political attack would

Soviet party officials, asked about the incident on Monday, dismissed it as a "provoca-tion". But they did not deny that the explosion had hap-pened, suggesting rather than the news of it was provocative.

Two found

Ben Nevis

Two climbers missing on Ben

Nevis since Saturday were found dead yesterday in a hollow on the mountain.

John Mercer, aged 22, of Treadgold Crescent, Leeds, and Geoffrey Hill, also 22, of Holt Farm Rise, Leeds, set out to welk up the mountain leaving

walk up the mountain, leaving

their car at its foot.
Yesterday afternoon a
mountain rescue dog led a
search team from Lochaber to
Mr Hill. He had fallen between

300 and 400ft and his body was

lying in snow on the south side of the peak.

Another rescue party, who had been on the mountain since

early morning, later found Mr Mercer's body. It is believed that the two

men, both experienced climbers,

dead on

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had reached the 4,406ft summit, but started descending by a different route and lost their way.

New transplant

Mr Robert Libberton, aged 42, of Killamarsh, Derbysbire, Britain's latest heart transplant patient, was in satisfactory condition at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, after an operation early yesterday.

Water unions reject 'final' 10% pay offer

Vater industry employers said that a rational strike rould not bring an improved pay offer after union conferences around Britain had voted for rection. The National Water Council aid the 10 per cent offer was final and thus not planning any initiative. Engineering was not planning any initiative. Eng-ind's nine water authorities have been sked by the Covernment to reduce teir charges after an independent in-

Urgent postal talks

he Post Office is urgently seeking an greement with unions for a produc-vity scheme to save 15 million work-ig hours and between £40m and £50m ext year. The proposal will be dis-issed by a special conference of the nion of Communication Workers in

Vhitehall pay hope

he Government is likely to increase pay offer to 530,000 white-collar il servants from 6 to 71 per cent ter private talks with union leaders. hey are due to meet Lord Soames on

Mr Callaghan steps into Canada dispute

Conservative MPs at Westminster have responded angrily to a surprising intervention in the Canadian constitutional debate by Mr James Callachan, the for-mer Prime Minister. Mr Callaghan asked for an understanding that any request from Ottawa to patriate the British North America Act would be met in full by Britain

Civil Service review Sir Geoffrey Wardale is to review the senior five grades of the Civil Service with the aim of thinning out adminis-trative posts and the possible abolition of the rank of under-secretary Page 5

Oxford fees more Oxford proposes to charge overseas students this autumn £400 more than the Government's recommended mini-mum fees. If approved, the new fees will be £2,900 for arts and £6,400 for the clinical year of medicine Page 4

Spanish election likely An early election in Spain is likely Senor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister-designate, has not been offered sufficient support to win an absolute majority for his legislative programme and will be forced to rule with a minority Government Page 5

Serious crime in London rises

Serious crime in London increased by 5 per cent last year and half the people arrested were aged under 21. The police said part of the reason was a 20 per cent increase in robbery and other violent theft Page 5

Committee stays Lord Annan, vice-chancellor of London

University, firmly denied rumours that the Swinnerton-Dyer committee on the rationalization of the university's non-medical colleges is about to be wound up or at least " muzzled" Page 4

Harman case: The legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties is to attempt to challenge in the Lords a ruling that she committed contempt of Damascus: Young Jewish women want to emigrate in search of marriage part-

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Post Office is seeking union agreement on cut of 15 million hours

By David Felton Labour Reporter

Post Office executives are seeking urgent union agreement to a national productivity scheme which would save 15 million working hours next year, without which the corporation could exceed financial

limits set by the Government. The scheme, which is to be discussed at a special conference of the Union of Communication Workers in April, would save the Post Office between £40m and £50m a year. Mr Ronald Dearing, corporation chairman, yesterday indicated that if the union conference rejects the scheme the management may impose sections of it. Mr Dearing said he hoped the scheme, which would in-volve much of the corporation's workforce of 180,000, would be implemented by agreement; otherwise he expected local outbreaks of industrial action like the dispute in Manchester

for several days.

The productivity scheme, which involves reductions in the amount of overtime, new working methods and changes in some manning levels, is being conducted on an experimental basis at 162 sorting offices. Post Office executives are

AUEW in

action over

committee

been a reduction of about 9 per cent in hours worked. Reductions in staffing have been achieved by natural wastage and Mr Dearing said there were no plans for compulsory redundancies.

Under the scheme postal workers in sorting offices have received bonus payments equivalent to 70 per cent of the hours saved and these have boosted pay by between £5 and £15 a week. Average earnings for the London area are about £120 a week and earnings in the provinces are just less than

"We are committed to continue reducing our costs and we have no option but to make productivity improvements", Mr Dearing said. He added that if a national scheme was introduced everyone would benefit, including the customer, postal workers and the corporation.

The national scheme, which will be recommended to the union conference by its executive, would be voluntary and arrangements in individual offices will be negotiated locally. The Post Office is also

seeking productivity improve-ments from counter staff.

Talks between the union and the corporation on the eight basic principles of the scheme are continuing in the hope that final details can be laid before pleased with the results, parti-cularly in the London area, and said yesterday that there had the May conference.

Engineering pay rises fall sharply

By Our Labour Staff Engineering union leaders are facing legal action over their plan to hold the annual meeting of the newly expanded national committee in two months' time. The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers', Techni-cal, Administrative and Supervisory Staffs' Section (Tass) is challenging the legal basis of the new 91-member committee. The national committee is the

sovereign policy-making body of the union's dominant engi-The executive of Tass has decided to seek an injunction restraining the engineering section from holding the committee in its new form on the ground that to do so would be a breach of the rules of the

four-section amalgamation. Relations between the engineering section's right-wing leadership and the left-wing-led Tass are strained to breaking

point.

The committee was originally intended to be enlarged as part of plans for a new policy-making body comprising delegates from the engineering, construction and foundry sections, with the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths, Heating and Ventilation Engineers Ventilation Engineers.

amalgamated union. The angineering section is seeking a High Court ruling overturning that

Scots teachers accept 7.5 pc increase

By Our Education

Correspondent
Union leaders representing 64,000 teachers and lecturers in Scotland yesterday accepted a 7.5 per cent salary increase from April 1, bringing the average teacher's annual salary to about £8,000. The 470,000 teachers in

England and Wales, who are also claiming 15 per cent, have so far been offered only 4 per cent, which they have rejected.

Labour Reporter Further evidence of the decline in the level of manufacturing pay settlements has been provided by figures showing a sharp fall in engineering pay increases.

About 90 per cent of settlements recorded in the industry during December and January were for 10 per cent or less. That compares with 75 per cent of the settlements in the previ-

in Engineering Employers' Federation returns from 500 com-panies employing 170,000 manual workers and staff. About 30 per cent of em-

jloyees covered in the survey, recently completed but not yet published, accepted wage rises of 6 per cent or less. That is a notable increase over the 10 per cent who settled at that level during October and November. About 58 per cent of the em-

ployees covered accepted settle-ments between 6.1 per cent and 10 per cent. That suggests that the biggest group settled at or around 8.2 per cent, also the level of increases in minimum rates agreed nationally from

basic rate and overtime and shift premiums paid to other

level of real pay increases in many companies for a 40-hour week to mirror the basic rate increase. The 8.2 per cent settlement was reached with relative ease by the EEF last

monthly average earnings figures, showing an overall rise of less than 10 per cent, half the rate of increase of a few

months ago.

As with a similar Confederation of British Industry survey, also published on Wednesday, the results of the EEF. survey are bound to be attri-buted to continued recession and consequent fears of unemployment.

By Donald Macintyre

ous two months. The growing trend towards single-figure wage rises is shown

Minimum rate settlements directly affect only the small That proposed merger has been stalled by a decision by the certification officer that it conflicts with the rules of the

employees.
It is normal, however, for the

The trend shown by the EEF figures reinforces Wednesday's

Gas prices to go up by 25%

By Bill Johnstone Industrial Staff

The average householder in Britain will be paying up to £1 a week more by October for his gas because of a 25 per cent increase in gas prices announced yesterday by British Gas.

The increase will be in two phases, 15 per cent from April and a further 10 per cent in

the tariffs paid by the domestic consumer into line with those consumer into line with those of the industrial and commercial sector. The increases also and heating", he said.

The union said: "The gas corporation is being used as a collecting agency to raise conforms to Government policy, announced in January, 1980, whereby gas prices must mainwhereby gas prices must main-tain a realistic level and be increased over the next three has decided, for party political years by 10 per cent a year in reasons, it cannot raise from real terms,

Prior plea for

works relations

An appeal to improve rela-

tions at work to avert a resump-

tion of old inefficiencies and

restrictive practices when the

recession eased was made last night in Harrogate by Mr James

Prior, Secretary of State for

Employment.

Despite talk of management and workers making sacrifices

and buckling down in the present crisis, the test would

come in the recovery.

Plain common sense was bet-

ter than the jargon of "em-ployee involvement" or "wor-ker participation". It was a

matter of building up trust, and seeking to win the full-

hearted commitment of every-

By Our Political Staff

trust in

Last year's figure of 15 per cent inflation brings the total increase this year to 25 per Mr John Edmonds, National

Energy Officer of the General and Municipal Workers Union, which represents most of the 40,000 manual workers in the gas corporation, reacted angrily to the increases.

nad a further 10 per cent in "Many poor gas customers, including old age pensioners and the growing number of the tariffs paid by the domestic onsumer into line with those considerable hardship and face the considerable hardship and face to the considerable ha

Home Affairs Correspondent

Home Office officials are to

talk to community leaders, local authorities and police in

London and the provinces to find out about racialist attacks on black people and Asian

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, told Indian journal-ists and their guests last night in London: "I want to make

it absolutely clear that I intend

to pursue this investigation vigorously and urgently."

The officials will be from different parts of the Home

Office, the police and commu-nity programmes departments.

The Home Office has written to all chief constables seeking their cooperation in the inquiry

and asking for their experi-

By Peter Evans

Yorkshire reject appeal to end strike From Richard Ford

Four pits in

Unofficial strikes affected four pits in Yorkshire yesterday, with 1,610 miners ignoring appeal from Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, for an immediate return to

Pickets travelled to other collieries in the coalfield in an attempt to persuade more of the country's 66,000 miners to join the strike.

However, they found that although there was sympathy for men at pits on the now withdrawn National Coal Board closure list miners wanted to wait until Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's Yorkshire president, had reported to an area delegate meeting today before they Five hundred men at Park

Five hundred men at rark Hill colliery, near Wakefield, voted unanimously to continue their strike until Monday, and Orgreave pit, near Sheffield, was at a standstill, with 540 was at a standstill, with Stomen out. At Manor pit, near Wakefield, the afternoon shift of 70 men walked out, as did 500 at Ackton Hall colliery.

Board officials in Yorkshire did not know if the strike would spread to night shifts. But earlier Mr Michael Eaton, North Yorkshire area director of the board, said the decision to with draw the closure proposals gave a breathing space for the dif-

Continued from page 1 £886m public funding being given to the coal board next

In spite of demands from

board next Wednesday. Mr Howell also made clear,

contrary to Opposition demands, that new legislation would not

be needed to extend the govern-

ment funding. He said the Coal Industry Act of 1980 was

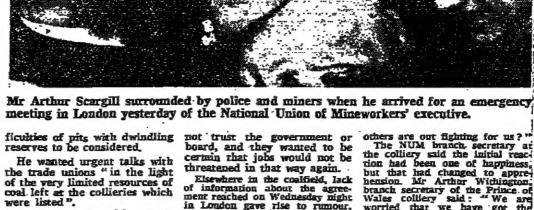
flexible enough.
Senior ministers acknowledge

that the affair was badly judged

by the Government, but insist that it must be better not to have a strike than have one.

And they hope that they will

year, mostly in investment.



Elsewhere in the coalfield, lack of information about the agree-ment reached on Wednesday night in London gave rise to rumour, and many men knew no more than the details they had heard in news bulletins. At Manor colliery some men appeared unconvinced of the need to walk out before the area delegate meeting. But one said:

"This is a threatened pir, and how could we stay at work when

Hill NUM delegate, said after the meeting: "Our action will continue until we get an abso-lute undertaking and absolute assurances about the pits and jobs." Many of the men did Ministers admit errors over issue

> it could to sort out the dis-The one MP overtly to blame Sir Derek Ezra, National Coal Board chairman for being allegedly set on "squeezing more money out of the British taxpayer was Mr Eric Cockeram, Conservative MP for Ludlow-

In spite of demands from Labour's spokesmen to be explicit, and so avert the risk of renewed misunderstanding or mistrust among miners both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Howell declined in the Commons to go beyond the statement. Mr Howell added that it was for "negotiations" at his meeting with mining unions and the coal board next Wednesday.

In spite of demands from Labour's spokesment has cracked at a psychologically important moment, inciting other public service unions to believe they have only to get tough to win.

The strongest comment came from Sir Angus Maude, the senior Tary backbencher, until recently in the Cabinet. He termed the Government's hand-board next Wednesday. He commended the miners for behaving with restraint and increasing their productivity until 10 days ago "when Sir Derek behaved like an IRA bomber". Asked on the BBC's World at One whether it was a U-turn, a humiliating retreat, a climbdown or an adjustment of tactics, he said: "I would not

Upon complaints to the Speaker by Labour MPs and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, Mr Cockeram withdrew his comparison. In the post-mortem great care is being taken, even by Mrs

Thatcher, not to blame anybody.

others are out fighting for us?"

The NUM branch, secretary at the colliery said the initial reaction had been one of happiness, but that had changed to apprehension. Mr Arthur Withington, branch secretary of the Prince of Wales colliery said: "We are worried that we have got the stuffing but there might be no turkey." turkey.

"There is a lot of distrust over the deal. In the past they have never conceded anything as fast as they gave in to this one. Nothing has been pur on the table yet."

'Scandalous surrender' coal plan, allowed itself to be taken rather by surprise by the reaction and then had to step in rather hurriedly and do what to miners

The "scandalous surrender" to the miners had reduced Mrs Margarer Thatcher's economic policies to a shambles, Mr Walter Goldsmith, directorgeneral of the Institute of Directors, said yesterday.

"We might as well ask the miners' union when it wishes to call the next general election. Ministers have lost their way. The " catastrophic decisions ? of recent weeks, including more state aid for British Ley-land and British Steel, now made it "terribly difficult " for him to urge his members to back the Government.

The private sector had borne the brunt of the recession, while the public sector was getting away "virtually scot-free".

South Wales waits for delegate conference decision

From Tim Jones Cardiff

Leaders of the 25,000 South Wales miners will decide today whether to call off the unofficial strike that has stopped all coal production in the area for

four days.

Although the coal board's climb-down over its pit closure programme was welcome, Mr Emlyn Williams, president of the South Wales miners, said he was "always suspicious of a Conservative Government."

In spite of the coal board's decision, the miners in the area, who spearheaded the fight against the closures, continued yesterday their picketing of power stations and other "strategic points". An area delegate conference in Bridgend today will decide whether to recommend a return to work. By then the leadership hopes that the Government will have

stated how much more money will be available to the industry and indicated how firmly it is prepared to act against the importation of cheap coal.
Mr Desmond Duckfield, the National Union of Mineworkers'

said: "The men will stay out one hundred per cent until they hear from the delegate conter-ence. We are obviously pleased with the result, but we want to know the details."

It seemed incredible that a situation that had been growing into a crisis for 18 months could be settled in an hour and a half behind closed doors.

Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC, who had threatened to organize full picketing if the Government attempted to use troops to move coal, said the reversal represented a victory for the miners. "If more workers had done this 18 months ago, thousands more jobs could have been saved. Back on Monday: About 1,800 miners on unofficial strike at three pits in co Durham are refusing to return to work until Monday in protest at the coal board's earlier decision to close four collieries in the North-east (John Witherow writes from Durham).

Only one of the threatened with Houghton colliery and

pits, Houghton colliery, near Sunderland, resumed normal work yesterday.

Opencast coal 'threat' to 30,000 mining jobs

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Surplus opencast coal production threatens the jobs of more than 30,000 miners, and production from opencast sites, which is carried out by civil engineering companies under con-tracts let by the National Coal Board, is reducing the board's profit potential, it was asserted yesterday. The Yorkshire-based Opencast

The Yorkshire-based Opencast Mining Intelligence Group said that the board's profit potential was being reduced by between £50m and £100m.

Their report, which is to be discussed at a conference on opencast mining organized by the Yorkshire and Humberside Council for the Environment, suggested that the level of opencast mining, introduced originally as an emergency measure, could not be justified.

The report states: "The current 10 million tons of surplus

rent 10 million tons of surplus opencast production is directly threatening the jobs of some 35,000 miners and would well jeopardize the improvements which are being made in the down as rapidly as possible to deep mines.

Opencast should be run

a tick-over level of about five "This would improve the coal

board's profit and its cash flow and it would crease time to establish a reasonable, phased programme for closing uneco-nomic pits in parallel with the essential development of the deep mines."

Commenting on the report's main findings, the coal board said that the opencast coal mined by subcontractors was the most profitable in Britain, producing a profit last year of f8.43 a ton. Because it is so profitable it helps us enormously to balance our books, and this is a major reason why the board has maintained a high level of opencast mining." The report's authors, how-

ever, agreed that the £8.43 a ton profit figure was super-ficial, incorrect and grossly misleading. They argued that the excess of opencast production was swamping a saturated market and forcing the coal board to adopt an ill conceived policy of wholesale closure A Reassessment of Opencast Cod-mining (Opencast Mining Intelli-gence Group).

Mr Shore invited to join new Labour grouping

Mr Peter Shore, the shadow Chancellor, has been invited to join the steering committee of the new Labour Solidarity Campaign was launched

ing. It is an attempt to restore party unity. Some 100 MPs signed a declaration to that effect.
If Mr Shore agrees, he would be a valuable asset to the cam-

be a valuable asset to the cam-paign, which was launched by Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on home affairs. Mr Denis Healey, the deputy Labour leader, also attended But Mr Neville Sandelson, MP for Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington, a moderate, said: "These moves seem to be dic-tated by manic

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Kenneth Capstick, a Park

ing acted so swiftly But other Conservatives are

outraged and bewildered, believ-ing that the Government has

ling of the affair "a shambles", although he hastened to say: "I do not suppose the Prime Minister had any part" in its

describe it as any one of them.

"I would say that the Gov-erument, whether through its

own fault or because it was not

beginning.

By Our Labour Staff
Senior Civil Service union leaders last night held private talks with 20vernment negotiators to lay the groundwork for an improvement in the 6 per cent pay offer to 530,000 white collar civil servants.

The Government will probably make a formal increase in the offer to 7½ per cent in full-scale peroriations on Monfull-scale negotiations on Monday, when the unions are due to meet Lord Soames, Lord President and ministers responsible for the Civil Service.

Ministers are concerned at the prospect of making the improvement only to have it rejected by the unions, who are seeking a 15 per cent increase. Last night's meeting with Mr Gordon Burrett, deputy secretary at the Civil Service Department in charge of pay negotia-tions, was designed to sound

make the nomination to the national directors."

Mr Whitehead concludes by asking Mr Biffen: "From this beginning do you consider that the independent national direc-

tors are exercising, will be exercising after further attri-tion, the role assigned to them in the undertakings you gave

to the House?"
Mr Whitehead started to

Better deal near for Civil Service unions out the unions on what kind of The most likely concession package would be necessary to which the Government which the Government of industrial action, due to be launched some of the nine unions in the

early next month. Mr William Kendall, secretary general of the Council or comparability system in Civil Service Unions, and Mr Peter Jones, the council secret cise, which allows civil secret cise, which allows civil secret cise. meeting by Mr Gerry Gillman, general secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, and Mr William McCall, leader of the Institution of Profesinsisted that this year's settle-ment had to be based on cash sional Civil Servants.

It is thought that the union leaders told Mr Burzett that an lor offer of 71 per cent would not annotate. be sufficient to prevent the action and heard that the Government may consider adding other elements to produce a parkage that would be accept-able.

to return to some form of pay comparability system in next The usual pay research exer-cise, which allows civil servants to seek pay increases in line with those won by workers in the private sector, was suspen-ded by the Government, which

service would be a commitment

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancel-or of the Exthequer, nnounced on Wednesday that announced on Wednesday that the limit-would be 6 per cent, government negotiators were believed to have suggested alternative ways of accom-modating a 7½ per cent offer within the cash limit.

NHS computer staff continue National Health Service com

puter staff are to continue their programme of industrial action. which is delaying payment of cheques worth millions of The one-day strikes and overtime ban in the past month

have delayed payments for work

done by hospital building con-

tractors, dentists and chemists. The staff's union, the National and Local Government Officers Association, said the staff were being paid at least £1,059 less than the market rate.

The Department of Health said the payment delay was not yet causing any serious difficulties.

Mr Callaghan's gift from

Mr James Callaghan, the for-mer Labour Prime Minister, was presented with a computer chess set by his former Cabinet colleagues at a dinner held last right in his honour.

Those at the dinner included:

Healey, Mr Frederick Villy, Mr Joel Barnett, Mr Wed a d Benn, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Albert Booth, Mr David En S Mr Roy Hattersley, Lord L. r of Manchester, Lady L'ewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, Mr Bruco Millan, Mr John Morris, Mr Frederick Mulley, Mr State of Orme and Lord Peart.

The social democrats, who were excluded from the dianer by Mr Foot, are sending Mr Callaghan en Ackerman print of Westminster

Mr Biffen is questioned about the new editors doch's undertaking to journa-lists of The Sunday Times included the following: "The reconstituted board of Times Newspaper Holdings Ltd will consider all candidates for the editorship of any of the Times Newspapers' titles and will make the nomination to the

By Fred Emery Questions about whether the appointments of the new editors of The Times and The Sunday Times were within the spirit of Times were within the spirit of the undertakings given by Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, and by Mr Rupert Murdoch, the proprietor of the newspapers, were raised last night by a backbench Labour MP.

In a letter to Mr Biffen, released to the press, Mr Phillip Whitehead, MP for Derby, North, asked whether "the new independent national director was appointed directly by Mr Murdoch "without consultation with or prior warning to, the existing national directors". Last Tuesday Sir Edward Pickering and Sir Denis Hamilton were appointed additional independent national directors

Mr Whitehead also asked Mr speak about the editors' Biffen whether only one appointments during Prime nominee was considered as Minister's question time. But editor of The Sunday Times. the Speaker ruled him out of He remarked that Mr Mur-

politan Police Commissioner,

and chief constables were determined that the police

should respond positively to

The investigation keeps a

promise made by Mr Whitelaw

the attacks.

to the board of Times News-

Home Office begins race attacks inquiry ence. Mr Whitelaw said that their feet in handling racialist Sir David McNee, the Metro Some black and Asian organizations feel that the police do not respond urgently enough to complaints about incidents. The difficulty for the police is in deciding whether attacks have

a racialist motive or are part

of general hooliganism. Some

and to cooperate with them.

to the all-party Joint Commit-tee against Racialism, which cases are obviously racially vindictive, as when slogans are told him of an increasing number of racialist attacks in left. How far the attacks are deliberately organized by right many parts of Britain. He said that the Home Office would wing extremist groups is more difficult to assess.

Part of Mr Whitelaw's speech begin a study of racialist organizations and discuss with police forces the feasibility of was devoted to the need to maintain confidence in the setting up police units to monitor and investigate the attacks. police and to discourage vigilante groups who feel they can-not rely on the police. He said He has raised the investigait was important to report tion with the Commissioner. racialist attacks to the police Sir David resents any sugges-

No council action on widow who is squatter Mrs Jean Lawrence, a widow, of Melrose Walk, Basingstoke,

Hampshire, who became a squatter in her own home to get it back from a family who refused to leave, will not be prosecuted for unlawful evic-tion, Basingstoke council de-cided yesterday.

The family, the Goodalls, national directors."

In the case of The Times,
Mr Whitehead asked whether
the independent national directors considered "the preferences expressed internally
between three candidates, of
whom Mr Harold Evans was
one."

could face prosecution for an alleged offence under the Homeless Persons Acr. Mr David Goodall, the woman who lives with him and their daughter Sharon, aged nine, renred the liouse for three months when Mrs Lawrence went to the United States. They refused to leave when she returned, so she let herself

in when they went out and became a squatter. At Winchester County Court today the Goodalls are seeking

an injunction and damages against Mrs Lawrence for alleged breaches of the Protection from Eviction Act. Mrs Lawrence will seek a possession order at the same hearing.

£38,000 taken in three station raids Armed robbers escaped with

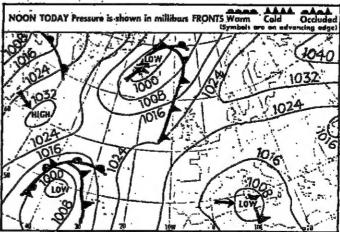
£33,000 in three raids on London railway stations yesterday. The raids were at Earls Court, Stonebridge Park and Seihurst. Scotland Yard believes that

the three robberies were not

In each case the raiders had shorzuns, but no shots were fired and no one was hurt.

Dispute closes garages Most of the petrol filling stations in Jersey closed yester-day for an indefinite period over a pay dispute. Only essential services are being supplied

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : Sun sets : .. 5.25 pm 7.5 am Moon sets : Moon rises : 7.58 am · 7.10 pm Last quarter: February 27. Lighting up: 5.55 pm to 6.33 am.

Lighting up: 5.35 pm to 5.33 am.

High water: London Bridge, 2.44
am, 7.1m: 3.7 pm, 7.3m: Avonmouth, 8.14 am, 13.4m: 8.38 pm,
13.3m. Dover, noon, 6.4m. Hull,
7.19 am, 7.2m: 7.24 pm, 7.6m.
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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central S, E,
central N, NE England, East
Anglia, E Midlands, Chaunel
Islands: Mostly cloudy, outbreaks
of mainly light sleet or snow;
wind NE, moderate or fresh; max
temp 2° to 4°C (36° to 39°F).

W Midlands, SW England,
Aberdeen: Frost early and late,
rather cloudy, some bright intervals, a few light winnty showers;
wind NE, moderate or fresh; max
temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F). temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Frost early and late, mostly dry, bright intervals; wind E or SE, light or moderate; max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Frost inland early and late, rather cloudy, a few wintry showers near coast; wind S or SE, light: max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

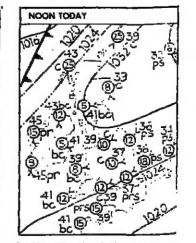
Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Frost early and late, mostly dry, bright intervals; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Frost inland at first, mostly dry, bright intervals; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

land at first, mostly dry, bright intervals, cloud thickening in W. with perhaps a little rain; wind S, light or moderate, freshening; max temp 4' to 6'C (39" to 43"F).
Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, scattered wintry showers; wind S, fresh or strong; max temp 3' to 5'C (37" to 41"F).
Outlook for tomogroup and Sun-Outlook for tomorrow and Sun-Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Apart from wintry showers in SE at first, it will be rather cold but mostly dry, with sunny intervals tomorrow, but rain, sleet or snow in NW Scotland will spread SE to many parts on Sunday.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;

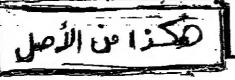




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Water industry employers stick to 10% offer despite workers' protest votes and strike demands

abour Reporter

Water industry employers last night maintained a firm stance in the face of votes at union conferences to reject their 10 per cent pay offer, and indicated that the offer would not be improved even if the unions call for a national

Several area conferences of delegates representing members not been as solid as had been of the two main unions in the industry, the General and Municipal Workers' Union (GMWU) and the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) yesterday voted for rejection and there were some calls for a strike if the offer is not improved.

But last night the National Water Council, which negotiates with the 32,000 manual water and sewerage workers in England and Wales, said it was not become and said it was not s not planning any initiatives and would be waiting to hear the outcome of a meeting next Wednesday of the unions' negotiating body.

cent offer was final and would not be improved. It is understood that the employers' negotiators are due to meet early next week to discuss the situation.

The employers have been making contingency plans for dealing with a national strike, the council said. It maintained that voting in the regions had reported and that the votes at the large Becton sewerage works, in London, were 87 per cent in favour of accepting the offer, although the Nupe regional conference which per cent."
covers the works voted by a Mr R substantial majority to reject

The offer, under which average weekly earnings in the industry would rise from £108.49 to £119.41, has been rejected by a majority of workers in the industry. Several conferences have called for indegrees of militancy.

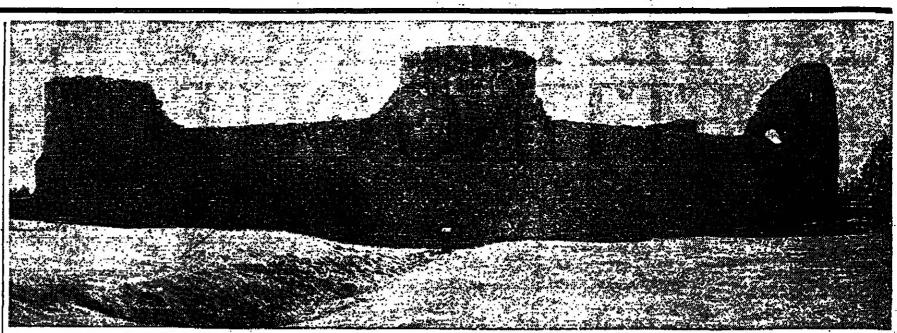
The largest region in the offer to avoid a strike.

water workers in the Midlands. yesterday returned a vote for rejection, and in Liverpool delegates representing 1,000 workers also rejected the offer and recommended that a national strike should start

from March 2.

Mr William Smith, the union's Liverpool regional officer, said after the meeting, which voted overwhelmingly for rejection: "The men are very angry and frustrated. They feel the offer is provocative and does not mean much of an increase above the original 7.9

Mr Rodney Neale, the regional officer in Birmingham, whose area covers workers in the Severn-Trent, Anglian and Thames water authorities, said after his delegate conference that water workers in the region were prepared to strike. Mr Edmund Newall, the GMWU's chief negotiator for dustrial action with varying the industry, last night appealed



Recruiting drive: The Government, under pressure from critics who claim that it is neglecting its responsibilities, has promised shortly to begin recruiting caretakers and maintenance staff for the historic buildings and ancient monuments in its care (our Planning Reporter writes).

Recent correspondence in The Times was provoked by a letter from Dr A. J. Taylor, who wrote that some famous ruins were closed to the public or left unguarded because of the freeze on Civil Service recruit-

ment. He also expressed concern at the depletion of the Department of the Environment's skilled maintenance staff, and at the possibility of the Government's transferring monuments to the care of local authorities or private enterprise.

The department says that, of more than 400 historic properties for which it is directly responsible, only about 20 are closed to the public. But they include such well known attractions as Chiswick House, Dartmouth Castle, Pevensey Castle (above), Furness Abbey, in Cumbria, and St Augustine's Abbey,

Canterbury.
Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, recently assured The Times that the need to recruit more caretaking staff was recognized. A department official insisted that all historic buildings and monuments would be open to the public by the time the tourist season began in April.

It was not the policy of the department to approach anyone else about taking on responsibility for its properties, the official added. Approaches from local authorities other bodies or individuals would be considered, "but we are not going around hawking them".

Public outcry would almost cer-tainly prevent the hiving off of such outstanding monuments as Fountains Abbey or the site of the Battle of Hastings, but concern has been expressed for more humble relica-One such is the fiftheenth-century Widdington tithe barn in Essex, which was take into department guardianship about ten years ago Letters, page 15

In brief

Girl is found dead

after radio search

The body of Zoey Thompson, aged three, who disappeared from her home at Covle Road, Dalton, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, was found yesterday in a portable cabin a mile from her house. The girl wandered

her house. The girl wandered off as her mother was hanging out washing.

Three bundred users of Citizen's band radios, which are illegal in Britain, joined in the search after picking up an emergency call about the missing child from a Leeds operator.

Rosie Swale, the yachts-woman, and her friend, Tracey

woman, and her friend, Tracey
Stamp, will not go into the
witness box to give evidence in
their trial on a poison charge,
a jury was told at Winchester
Crown Court yesterday.
Miss Stamp, aged 45, and
Mrs Swale, aged 31, deny
administering poison to Miss
Stamp's former friend. Mr

Stamp's former friend, Mr Keith Vincent. Defence counsel

Poison case defence

to call no evidence

Rippon call to spend on public works

By Our Political Reporter Unemployment is costing the nation £8,000m a year, money that would be better spent on orders to benefit the hard-pressed building and other private sector industries, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, the Conservative former Cabiner minister, said

Arguing for what amounts to a public works programme, he told the Tory Reform Group at Oxford University that the result would be the creation of real jobs and real wealth.

Quoting Treasury figures, Mr
Rippon said that each extra unemployed man cost the state

employed man cost the state £3,500 a year in lost revenue and in benefits, free school meals and milk.

This suggests that the rise of 900.000 in unemployed adults in the past year has cost around £3,100m ", he said, " and this figure takes no account of other costs, such as redundancy payments, loss of direct taxes, or the cost of special employment measures or of the productivity lost to the nation". He added that a separate set of Treasury figures had sug-gested that one unemployed single man cost the country £4,835 a year and a married man with two children £6,006.

The very lowest figure that could be used was the £2,400m paid in direct benefits, compared with only £333m in 1973-Mr Rippon also said that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, in his Budget considerations would have to give higher priority to regional policies as part of the general strategy.

Campaigner loses seat on LT board

By Our Local Government

Mr Leslie Chanman, the campaigner against bureaucracy who was given the task of exposing waste in the corridors of London Transport, has lost the seat on the LT Board to which he was appointed by Sir Horace Cutler, leader of the Greater London Council.

Mr Chapman, a former civil servant, who wrote the book. Your Disobedient Servant, has been told that his unpaid post is to be terminated.

Since his appointment two years ago he has criticized the board and has complained about London Transport's performance.

An independent report into London Transport last summer supported many of his complaints. Since then Mr Ralph Bennett, the chairman, has been

Mr Chapman said yesterday that he felt he was being pushed aside, and that he had been accused of disloyalty. I do not mind going off the board. I did not want to stay on. I only stayed on because Sir Horace asked me to. I have been axed. Sir Horace told me it was not intended to keep my appointment after March." Sir Horace said that Mr-Chapman had not been reappointed because his two-year term had ended in January. He was put there to crack the nut and he did it."

10-mile oil slick seen

locomorives were named after

men who had been awarded the

ultimate civilian decoration for

12.55 Euston to Manchester train was named in chrome

letters on a scarlet background:

"Driver John Axon, GC". That hauling the 13.00 Euston to

Holyhead bore a similar name plate inscribed "Driver Wallace Oakes, GC".

The locomotive hauling the

Minister asks water bodies to cut charges

Local Government

The nine water authorities in England bave been asked by the Government to cut their inquiry ordered by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for

the Environment.
Charges which showed increases ranging from 14 to 28 per cent under the original budgets are to be reduced to 12 to 19 per cent if the authorities follow the advice given by Mr Tom King Minister for Local Government.

The inquiry, by three firms of chartered accountants, was announced by the Prime Minister 10 days ago because of growing resemment at the size of the proposed in-

The consultants' brief was to establish whether there was scope to reduce the levels. The chairmen of the authorities have seen ministers this week to discuss the findings, and meet-ings of each authority have

request.
The Southern Water Authority, which had proposed a 16.2 per cent increase, yesterday agreed to reduce it to 12.6 per cent, compared with the Government's request of 12 per

Thames, the largest authority, had proposed an increase of 14 per cent, the lowest among the nine. It has been asked to reduce charges by 1.5 per cent, which means a cut of 25m, and also to reduce its external borrowing requirement by £10m. The authority is to meet next

week to discuss the request week to discuss the requestagainst a background of resentment at what some members
and officials see as unwarranted interference by the
Government, particularly as
they believe the budget has
been drawn up as tightly as

Among the other authorities, Wessex is thought to have been told to cut charges by 4 per cent from a proposed 15 per

Letters that upset a judge return to Glasgow

From Ronald Faux

Some of the 500 "licentious" letters sent by Madeleine Smith to the French lover she was accused of murdering 124 years ago were returned yesterday to Glasgow, the city where they were posted.
The letters comprehensively

upset the judge at Miss Smith's trial. He said they displayed perhaps ever appeared in a court of justice."

Lord Hope, the Lord Justice-Clerk, went on to rail at the lamentable state of mind that lay behind such letters; "certainly such a sentence was prob-ably never before penned by a female to a man, he mid the About 200 of the letters were

presented on indefinite loan from the Scottish Record Office, in Edinburgh, to the Mitchell Library, in Glasgow, Copies will be on show with some originals and the bottles or arsenic and other artifacts from the trial.

The murder took place in
1857 and the prosecution
quoted 66 of the letters in an quoted oo of the setters in an attempt to prove Miss Smith guilty; the defence produced three letters to demonstrate her mocence. The jury found the charge not proven.

Most of the letters will be held in a vault because of their

will be available. Dr Isbbel Barnes, of the Scottish Record Office, had the danning real-ut realing them.

"They were extremely boring, tedious and repetitive. The
English was very bad", she
said. "I suppose moral
standards have changed since the days when they were

Not only were they boring, the Victorian style of overlaying lines of writing diagonally en the same page, which made them difficult to read. None of them was dated and many were extremely long. Dr Barnes's criticism gave an impression that Pierre Emile L'Angelier, the lover, might well have died of boredom.

have died of boredom.

The Mitchell Library already holds 13 of the Smith letters. An official of the Scottish Record Office described her as a compulsive letter writer. The correspondence had been discovered by the sheriff officers in M L'Angelier's lodgings about a week after his death. Sixty-one of the letters recorded by the Crown Office and not produced at the trial are missing and no one can say which particular sentence upset the judge or whether Miss Smith committed the murder. She was 21 at the time of ber trial and lived to the age of

to court in TV dispute By Michael Horsnell

Union taken

By Michael Horsnell
An independent group of television producers is taking the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) to the High Court today over the blacking of a £500,000 series of programmes.

Hadmor Productions Ltd is seeking an injunction against the union in an attempt to force it to lift its ben on Unforgettable, a 13-part light entertainment series sold last year to nine independent stations

After four programmes had been transmitted on Thames Television, ACTT blacked the rest of the series earlier this month because, it contended, the series should have been made in-house by permanent

The consequences of the dispute could be far-reaching in their effect on independent producers. The new Channel 4 will depend on independent productions for a large part

of its output.
On February 9 the television branch committee of ACTT blacked the series over the use of facility companies for ITV productions", and it is now being withdrawn from trans-

Mr. David Heath Hadfield arector of Hadmor, said:
"Prior to the setting up of Hadmor Productions and during the making of the programmes we have had regular consultations with all the various unions that were involved, including ACTT, "Having embarked on this series with the correct union members and using approved broadcast equipment, we find

broadcast equipment, we find their objections difficult to Oxford proposing an extra

'Censored' TV programme to be shown

By a Staff Reporter The BBC television programme, Panorama, will be devoted on Monday to part of the 100-minute special programme on security in Britain that has caused controversy within the BBC, with allegations about censorship of sensitive material. Monday's 50-minute programme on Britain's security

overseas students starting courses in the autumn would have to pay £2,900 for arts, £4,000 for science and £6,400 for the clinical year of medicine. Students who began last autumn would pay only the recommended minima of £2,500, £3,600, and £6,000. gramme on Eritain's security services, under the title MI5, MI6 and the Need to Know, will include an interview with a former MI5 officer. A sepa-The proposals have to be approved by Congregation, the rate programme, on privacy, will be shown as an unspecified body representing all Oxford dons, at its meeting on March

Annan denial on disbandment of inquiry into London colleges

By Diana Geddes

Education Correspondent Reports that the Swinnerton-Dyer committee on the rational-ization of London University's non-medical colleges was about "muzied" were firmly denied yesterday by Lord Annan, the university's vice-chancellor.

The rumours started after Lord Annan told a meeting of the committee on Tuesday, chaired by Sir Peter Swinner-ton-Dyer, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, that events were moving at such a pace that the committee should seek to produce a report by July instead of the end of this year as had been planned.

Several committee members felt that the July deadline made it impossible for the committee to continue, as it would be mable to come to proper deci-sions about the university's future academic organization within that time. All the committee members except the chairman are academics at the

It is known that Sir Peter seriously considered resigning as chairman. Lord Annan has been under

considerable pressure from heads of several colleges to dis-band the committee. They Job Berther the raster. Some evidently feared that their colleges would be threatened by closure, amalgamation or the loss of a department, as a result of the committee's recommendations.

The committee, which was dict how long it would take,

Oxford is proposing to charge

ment's new recommended mini-mum fees, which are 20 to 25 per cent above this year's levels. Howew

overseas students next year £400 more than the Govern-

Under the scale proposed by the university's council all

radioactivity

tests is missing

Dunfermline
An investigation was under

From Our Correspondent

By Our Education

Correspondent

£400 for overseas students

ser up last February, brought but he thought they could pro-our a discussion document in bably produce "something use-December outlining the many ful" before the university's new difficulties confronting the academic year began in university on the non-medical october.

Side, It estimated that over the next two years the university would lose about 10 per cent of its students and 15 to 20 per cent, or about £20m, of its

The crisis in the committee's continued progress was averted yesterday after Lord Annan appeared before an emergency meeting of the committee to
sort out some of the misunderstandings on timing which had arisen at Tuesday's meet-In an interview with The

Times yesterday, arranged at Lord Annan's request to clarify the situation, he said that he had complete confidence in the work of the committee. It had produced a first-class interim report, and he looked forward report, and he looked forward to receiving its final report.
There was no question of the committee being wound up, of his dismissing Sir Peter, or of Sir Peter resigning. Those rumours were despicable and pure mischief-making.

Lord Annan had assured the committee that it was ar liberty.

committee that it was at liberty to do what it liked, when it liked, although he hoped that the report could be produced are moving at a remorseless

pace ". Sir Peter, who was on the interview, agreed that there was now much greater urgency for the committee to produce an early report. He could not pre-

10. Last year Congregation

caused a great stir when it

rejected a council recommenda

tion to charge overseas students £200 above the Government's recommended minima for

However, last year nearly all universities decided to charge the minimum fees, for fear of losing too many students, and

this year many are considering

charging above the minimum in an attempt to boost their income or reduce losses.

its council decided last week to

Cambridge led the way when

He emphasized, to vigorous nodding approval from Lord Annau, that it would be " stark for any college not to immediate short-term economies on the ground that it would cut across the Swinnerton-Dyer committee's report. Any recommendations it made could not affect this year's allocation of grant, he said.

He agreed with Lord Annan that the Swinnerton-Dyer report could not be as clear-cut as the Flowers report on London's medical schools. The difficulties for the academic schools' future were far less precisely defined than those for the medical schools, and therefore did not lend themselves to such specific solutions. The committee was not clear

what form its proposals would take, but Sir Peter guessed they would take the form of a statement about what the university ought to be like about 1990; that was likely to include recommendations on closures mergers and consorming though in some cases possible alternative courses of action might be proposed.

The individual colleges have been asked to submit formal responses to the committee's The communes was Max wol-answers into account when formulating its final report. A second interim report has not been ruled out, Sir Peter said.

| Technicians fined

tests under NHS

Two technicians were fined by magistrates at Hendon,

London, yesterday for carrying

out tests at Edgware General Hospital laboratory for private medical sources while falsely

representing that they were being done for the National

Health Service.
Derek Dickinson, aged 47

former senior scientific officer, of Richmond Gardens, Harrow

Weald, was fined £750 with £45

costs and Italia Sarah Franklin,

aged 47, laboratory technician, of Barham Avenue, Elstree, Hertfordshire, was fined £500

with £45 costs.

Both admitted that between

July, 1979, and January, 1980, at the Edgware Hospital they dishonestly obtained services worth about £571 from the

health service by deception in respect of the analysis of specimens, by falsely represent-

ing that the specimens were submitted under the NHS.

Mr Colin Hart, for the prose-

cution, said that under the health service a doctor or hos-

pital department wanting a specimen analysed could have

it done, the forms being com-pleted at the laboratory, the results sent, and no charge made. The facilities were also

available privately, for which a

charge was made.

Mr Alan Isaacs, for the defence, said there was no bar to the number of private tests

that could be carried out, but his clients had overstepped the

mark when they failed to com-

plete the forms for the standard fee of £2 to £3. About 50,000

tests were carried out each

for private

said they would be calling no evidence and the trial con-tinues roday. MPs buy British

A £50,000 order was placed yesterday with Wedgwood Hotelware, of Stoke-on-Trest, for House of Commons crockey. Mr Charles Irving, Conser-ation MP for Cheltenham and catering subcommittee, said: "We are determined wherever possible always to buy British".

Bank robber jailed

Peter Cook, aged 38, a mechanic, of Duston, Northampton, was jailed for 12 years at Northampton Crown court yesterday after being found guilty of robbery of £16,000 from a bank. He was given a five-year concurrent sentence for possessing a firearm.

Cashier stole £3.473

Miss Karen Marley, aged 21, a cashier, was fined £100 by Marlborough Street magistrates in London yesterday for steal-ing £3,473 from the till of her employer, Garrard's, the jewellers. She admitted the charge.

Dublin fire toll rises The death toll in the Dublin discotheque fire rose to 46 yesterday when Miss Josephine Glynn, aged 24, of Coolock Dublin, died in hospital. Several

of the 72 people injured in the blaze are in a serious condition. 21 held in drugs inquiry Customs officers have arrested 21 people in London and the Home Counties for questioning about the suspected smug-gling of drugs through Heathrow airport, London.

Stansted road link plan Draft plans to link Stansted airport with the Birchanger interchange on the M11 motors way at the Hanfeld M12 motors. way at the Hertfordshire Essex has border were published yester to day by the Department of the services and the services are the services and the services are the services are

Plaudits for princess More than 60 Conservative to be

MPs yesterday signed a Commons motion congratulating.

Princess Anne on her election as Chancellor of London United

Risk seen in way state aids universities

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

There was long-term danger in the system of state financing of noiversities, Lord Hunter of Newington said yesterday in his Newington said yesterday in his last annual report before retiring as Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University. The system imposed uniformity in rates of pay for academic staff and in the proportion of senior to junior staff, he said. Lord Hunter said that he became vice-chancellor in 1968, when student unrest was at its height and popular opinion about students had fallen very

low. Since then the roles had been since then the roles had reen reversed; the public now constantly invoked the barren philosophy of confrontation while students had a responsible approach to their difficulty of the roles and the roles are reversely as a season of the roles of the role An oil slick about ten miles while students had a respontion was naive, he felt bound to by the relations was seen by the crew of a Royal Navy helicopter off Portland, Dorset, yesterday.

An oil slick about ten miles while students had a respontion was naive, he felt bound to by the relational ask whether five governments national culties and future careers. He could be wrong. Even if they benefit is nology.

mit of a gradient over the Pennines Mr Axon ordered his firemen, Mr Ronald Scanlon,

to jump clear and attempt to apply the wagon brakes. Both men had-already made

gallant attempts to penetrate

a cloud of scalding steam on

the footplate to close the regu-lator. The train eventually

collided with another goods train standing at Chapel-en-le-

Frith station.

engines to be pamed after hauled goods train running drivers departed from Euston, between Buxton and his between

Loudon, yesterday five minutes apart, the first to Manchester, the second to Holyhead.

Both the Class 896 electric the train approached the sum the train approa

applying reason.

The continuing wrangle about overseas students' fees was a case in point. Five successive governments of both main political persuasions had tried to limit their financial commitment to overseas stu-dents, beginning in December, 1966, when the level was set at £250, against £80 for a home

Since then the universities

had been fighting a vociferous and sometimes rebellious rearguard action on the issue. Some extravagant claims had been made about the benefits overseas students brought Lord Hunter said said that

staying on the footplate and

giving warning signals had en-

abled emergency action to be taken thereby reducing the loss

of life to those of the guard of

the stationary train and Mr

ten by three local poets. It was first broadcast on July 2,

1958, and repeated yesterday by Radio Manchester.

Crewe, was handling the Euston to Carlisle express on June 5, 1965, when a "blow-back"

1965, when a "blow-back" occurred on the footplate of his steam engine. Although badly

Driver Wallace Oakes, from

A ballad about him was writ-

Engines named after GC drivers who died to save trains

sities had as good a record for after this long period the over riding authority of an elected government which has to choose between innumerable conflicting claims upon its limited resources?".

He also had misgivings when

reading a document by a national academic group which

Cheshire, a place with a black ring round it in many railway-

men's memories because of two disasters on that stretch of line.

He died from his burns seven days later. Mr Frank Cannon, assistant

general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen,

unveiled the name plate of Driver John Axon, and Mr Ray

Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Loco-motive Engineers and Firemen,

that of Driver Wallace Oakes.

Each expressed pleasure at the new form of locomotive naming

By then Mr Axon's efforts in safely to a halt near Winsford,

steam engine. Although badly being adopted by British Rail.
burnt Mr Oakes stayed at the Relatives of both drivers were

drew attention to the considerable economic value of research entire blame on industry for not making use of such research. Such apportioning of the blame filled him with dismay. "New technology is not an end in itself; it must be capable of economic application, and even where the technical conditions for this are right there ditions to be met, as instanced by the many failures of the tion was naive, he felt bound to by the many failures of the ask whether five governments national newsaper industry to benefit from advanced tech-

way yesterday at Rosyth naval dockyard, on the Firth of Forth, after a radioactive sub-stance was missed from the topsecurity dock where the Polaris nuclear submarine, HMS Revenge, is being refitted. The material is kept in a lead-shielded container, which is also missing. It is used to test equipment that monitors the levels of radioactivity in or near the Revenge's nuclear reactor. The Ministry of Defence

said: "An Admiralty board of inquiry has been convened.
While the material is kept
inside its shielded container there is no risk to the public, The material has a low level of

rems a year.
The material which is be-

lieved to have been missing for several days, is kept in a security store inside the health

Meeting today on disused line Plans for the reopening of the

The Gloucestershire and Wardisused railway line between Cheltenham and Stratford-onwickshire Railway Society, wickshire Railway Society, Avon are to be discussed at formed nearly five years ago, a public meeting in Cheltenham hopes to operate a single-track

recommend fee increases £400 above the minima. Unlike the Oxford proposal, that new high fee will apply to all oversens students who started courses after September, 1980. Material used for Doctor counts the cost of

icy pavements

By Our Medical Correspondent
The bumpy, slippery pavements typical of a British city
after a heavy snowfall cause as
many casualties as a big road
or tail disaster, a report in the
British Medical Journal says

today.

During five days of snow and ice the Cardiff Royal Infirmary treated 118 more parients than usual with broken bones. Fractures of the arm bones and wrist occurred seven times more often than usual and broken legs were three times more frequent.
Dr Z. A. Ralis, an accident

consultant ar the hospital, who collected the statistics, calculates that on average each day of snow and ice meant 74 more patients with broken bones for The legal limit on the amount of radiation absorbed by a nuclear dock worker is five rems a year. tion, the report says.
Many other countries with a snow and ice, such as Denmark, Germany and parts of Canada,

security store inside the health physics laboratory at the dock. It must be signed for when removed or returned by authorized workers.

A trade union official at the dockyard said: "We have been told there is no danger of the signed a realistic approach, Dr Raiss says. The owners of each building, shop or house are made responsible for cleaning their pavements. Such a policy could be most effective in city centres and busy shopping areas.

formed nearly five years ago, but the Department of Embers used to improve the hopes to operate a single-track playment has emphasized that maternity grant, which have been service, beginning this summer. It was a temporary measure remained at £25 since 1969.

Protest at switch of money Page 9 from maternity fund

redundancy fund.

statements, the commission said.
The Government intends to divert the proportion of employers' contributions now paid to the maternity pay fund to the redundancy fund, whose surplus of £144m last April has been rapidly reduced by rising redundancies.

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent amount of maternity pay
The Equal Opportunities received by working women.
Commission yesterday protested at the Government's decision to divert money from the mater age pays between £30m and nity pay fund to the declining £40m a year to reimburse em money must be available to improve maternity benefits, contrary to recent recommendations and the community benefits, contrary to recent recommendations and the community benefits and the community benefits and the community payment to recent recommendation and the community payment to recent recommendations and the community payment to employees. The commission pointed out last night that to employees. ployers for maternity payment when the Government pro trary to recent government duced its consultation paper ci maternity benefits last year is said there was no money avail able to improve maternity pay allowances or grants.

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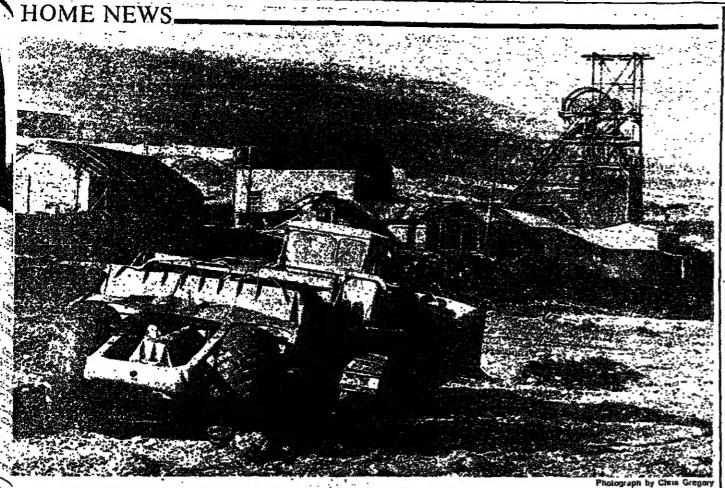
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Earth-levelling equipment manoeuvring at the Big Pit, Blaenafon, Gwent, which is being turned into a deep-mine museum and tourist attraction. The EEC's regional development fund will provide nearly £230,000 towards the cost, out of a total of £3,194,367 devoted to Wales.

Half the people arrested last year in Review may London were under the age of 21

increased by 5 per cent last year and half the people arrested were under 21 years

The victims of robbery and theft from the person included 1,963 men and women over the age of 60, and 95 children under 10. The worst affected age group, however, was from 21 to 30 who numbered 3,384. Mr Gilbert Kelland, Assistant Commissioner (Crime) of the Metropolitan Police, gave a warning that the increasing number of non-custodial sentences meant that many crimi-nals were liable to be called jury service despite their

-convictions for serious crimes.

The police expressed concern that the rise in serious crime was caused partly by a 20 per cent increase in robbery, 13,984 last year, compared with 11,636 in 1979.

Saturday

- The BBC yesterday rejected

hey had more viewers than

he BBC on Sarurday nights.

Mr Alan Hart the recently pointed controller of BBC 1,

aid that unlike the indepen-

lent companies the BBC could

upport its assertions with igures. In the first five weeks

if this year 56 per cent of iewers were tuned to BBC on

iaturday evenings, compared

with 44 per cent who watched independent television.

He rejected suggestions that

He agreed that independent

The BBC denied yesterday

hat it was disputing the figures produced for the independent

ICTAR. It was simply rejecting he interpretations by indepen-

The BBC figures are pro-luced by its audience research

Mr Hart said he thought the

ndependent companies' asserions earlier this week that they

ittracted the most viewers were

rom advertisers about ratings.

The BBC said it was not

ingry with independent televi-ion. Mr Hart said that the egular disagreement between

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. ... By Lucy Hodges

A Staff Reporter

Mr Kelland said: "Why do dropped by 2 per cent to 16,139,
Serious crime in London youngsters commit street Homicide figures rose to 204
creased by 5 per cent last robbery and attack old people? last year, 25 more than in 1979, I do not know. The police officers who deal with them say there is little moral shame when they are caught. Morality seems to have gone out of the cleared window, and that has been a the fire monitor of society down the Burgla

> will be increased in the next year, he added, but only in pro-portion to the extra officers recruited to the force. Last year the strength of the force was increased by about 900 to 23,691 but only 20 per cent of crimes were cleared up, a similar figure to 1979.

Last year 584,137 crimes were reported in London, compared with 557,378 in 1979, the first annual increase since 1977. Of 105,017 people arrested, 52,026 were under 21.

thin ranks of top civil last year, 25 more than in 1979, but that included the death of 37 people in a West End club fire last August. During the year 194 homicides had been servants

By Peter Hennessy Sir Geoffrey Wardale, former Second Permanent Secretary at the Department of the Environ-ment, has been brought out of retirement to conduct a review for the Government of the top five grades of the Civil Service. It is expected to lead to a substantial winnowing out of posts and the possible abolition of the rank of under-secretary.

The sim of Sir Geoffrey's

inquiry is not merely to reduce senior Civil Service numbers but to shorten the thain of comnand with a view to constructing a more streamlined and efficient hierarchy capable of despatching public business with less elaboration and duplication of effort.

The review will encompass

administrative posts at permanadministrative posts at permanent secretary, second permanent
secretary, deputy secretary,
under-secretary and assistant
secretary levels. It will examine
the vertical flow of work—who
reports to whom and why—and
the span of control exercised by
officials at each stage.
Sir Geoffrey will advise the
Government on the deskrability
of abolishing whole grades or
of makine a more selective use

of making a more selective use of the existing pyramid. In parcicular, the case for the partial or complete abolition of the under-secretary rank will be

He will be assisted by a Civil Service Department team led by Mr Sandy Russell, an under-secretary, and Mr Nicholas Gurney, an assistant secretary. All three met a delegation from the Civil Service unions on Wednesday and promised full consultation before any deci-

sions are taken. Senior scientific and profes sional civil servants are exclu-ded from Sir Geoffrey's remit but his work will have implications for 40 posts at permanent and second permanent secretary levels, about 100 at deputy sec-retary, 350 at under-secretary and 1.150 at assistant secretary rank, a total of about 1,640

jobs in all.

He will concentrate on posts responsible for management and resource control as well as policy-making. Studies will be undertaken in a mixture of large, medium and small ministries including energy, customs and excise, industry, environ-ment, health and social security, defence, national savings, ex-port credit guarantee and the Hame Office.

Fourth Rampton nurse is charged

From Our Correspondent Nottingham A fourth nurse from Ramp A fourth nurse from Kampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, appeared in court at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, yesterday accused of ill treating a patient. Harry Dexter, aged 59, whose address was given as Rampton Hospital, elected trial at Nottingham Crown Court. He is accused of ill treating Mr Richard Clive Winnik

The case was adjourned until farch 5 for committal proceed-March ings, Mr Dexter being granted bail.

WEST EUROPE Emotional

farewell by cardinal in Paris

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 19

Cardinal François Marty took sn emotional farewell of Parisians at Nôtre Dame last night at a solemn High Mass to mark his retirement after nearly 13 years as Archbishop of Paris. He is succeeded by Mgr Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Bishop of Orleans a converted low horn.

Marie Lustiger, the Bishop of Orleans, a converted Jew born in Paris of Polish parents.

Cardinal Marty concelebrated with the Apostolic Nuncio, his two auxiliary bishops and the bishops of the Paris region, and more than 100 priests. His homily was met with a prolonged ovation from the large congression. It was conched in longed ovation from the large congregation. It was conched in the simple, direct, even rustic, style which has endeared him to many, even if it has been frequently criticized by the more sophisticated among his flock.

"My last message will be a puter and preceful invitation to

quier and peaceful invitation to duet and peacerul invitation to hope. Whatever your age, or your station in life, I would like to say to you: 'Life is possible, hope is possible, love is possible,' he

He described the Second Vatican Council as "the greatest gift of God to the Church in this century". The council was not a code of dead texts. It was a spirit a dynamicm. a spirit, a dynamism, a message, a task, It found its objective in

a task, It found its objective in the mission.

"This priority of missions I impose upon you as a spiritual testament," he went on. "The mission we have received sends us first to the side of the least privileged, to those alienated by want, to the service of the poorest in hope.

"Do not forget the mission of the Church in the-world is to be messenger of God's compassion. Forgive my sins and my shortcomings. But remember that the church we have tried to be for you, for all, is the reflection in the world of the tenderness of God."

Turning to the problem of the priesthood, he said: "To be a priest today, is, I am a

be a priest today, is, I am a witness of it, a privileged way of loving. In a few days, I shall no longer be here (he is re-tiring to a convent in his native Rouergue, near the Pyrenees). But here and tomorrow, God still signs on workers. He ended with an appeal to the young. "Everyone speaks about you. Some speak for you. But have they really taken time to listen to you? I have tried to do it."

W Germany puts up petrol tax

Bonn, Feb 19

An increase in the tax on petrol and alcohol from April 1 was approved by the Bundestag today. The measure received the support of the Social Democratic-Free Democratic coalition but the opposition voted against it.

A litre of petrol will cost 7 pfennig (about 13p) more and a litre of diesel 3 pfennig more. The tax on alcohol will go up to DM600 (£20) a hectolitre. The Government expects to obtain an additional DMZ,400m (about £480m) by way of these tax increases this year and DM3,700m the following year.

Herr Hans Matthoefer, the Social Democratic Finance Minister, said the increases were necessary in order to restrict the Government's need for credits; and also encourage

energy saving. Herr Wolfgang Schäudle, for the opposition, rejected the already hard hit by the in-creasingly high prices for oil. The Bundesrat (Upper House) which has a majority of opposition members, is expected to reject the increases and take the matter to the arbitration committee. Its objection can,

Third member of family is abducted in Italy

however, only delay the law in this case, and not prevent it.

Brescia, Italy. Feb 19.—A wealthy industrialist's daughter today became the third member of her family to be kidnapped in less than three years. Signorita Elisabetta Guutti, aged 21, whose family runs a metal business, was kidnapped outside her parents' home by five masked gunmen.

One of her uncles, Signor Enrico Guutti, was released in 1979 after payment of ransom and another uncle escaped from his kidnappers last year. —

Spanish likely to face early election as Calvo support wanes

Madrid, Feb 19 It became clear tonight than Spain will have a minority Government, led by Senor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo. Both the Catalan Party and the right-wing con-servative Democratic Coalition bave indicated that they would abstain when the debate on his investiture as Prime Minister ends tomorrow in the Cortes (Parliament).

(Parliament).

The new Government will be forced to rely on the fluctuating votes of various groups of MPs to pass its legislation. The prospect of an early general election is now much more likely, although the present Parliament is not due to go to the polis until March, 1983.

Safor Calvo Sotelo who was

Señor Calvo Sotelo, who was a Deputy Prime Minister in the outgoing Suarez Government has found himself unable to muster enough support obtain an absolute majority in the Lower House. He will now have to wait for

a second vote, due under the constitution to take place within 48 hours of the first vote—probably on Monday. Then a simple majority of MPs in the chamber will suffice. Señor Calvo Sotelo's own Centre Democratic Union only

support of 11 others for tomor-row's vote, but hopes of getting this support disappeared support

Señor Miguel Roca, spokesman for the Catalan group of MPs, made it clear that the stumbling block was the Spanish autonomy process. But he offered to help the new government on measures that the Catalans approved.

The Basque Nationalist Party also indicated that it would not vote for the Prime Minister-designate, but looked to the possibility of supporting a coalition government at a later

Senor Manuel Fraga, speaking for a majority of nine pro-autonomy MPs, delivered a tough speech ridiculing the proposed government pro-

This provoked Señor Jose Maria Areilza, a former Spanish Foreign Minister to walk oramatically out of the

Señor Nicolas Redondo, secretary-general of the General Union of Spanish Workers, which recently achieved big gains over the Communist-led trade unions, said that the proposed government programme at best offered only solutions to Spain's economic programmes "at the workers' expense".

marker, without sellings at less than these minimum levels. The

exact effect ofthese producer

prices on shop prices is

Food prices in Britain, it is estimated, would go up by less than 1 per cent because the Commission is also proposing a 5 per cent revaluation of the

"green pound", which would

farmers' prices.

The net cost to the EEC budget, after allowing for "coresponsibility" savings, is put at no more than £90m to £100m up to the end of this year and abour £230m over 12 months. Mr Daisager said yesterday he was confident that this could be contained within the

could be contained within the budget planned for this year. Co-responsibility: The main funovation in Mr Dalsager's pro-posals is the general extension

automatically cut farmers prices.

Ingenious EEC plan to meet conflicting aims

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Feb 19 The package of farm price

proposals, announced yesterday by Mr Poul Dalsager, the new EEC Commissioner for Agri-culture, is an ingenious attempt to reconcile two essentially conflicting objectives.

The first is the demand of the eight million EEC farmers for a price rise of 15.3 per cent to offset what they claim was an 185 per cent drop in real income last year.

The second is the increasingly

urgent need to prevent agri-cultural expenditure from growing faster than total budget revenue—and hence be able to release funds for other economic sectors of greater in-terest to the vast majority of taxpayers and consumers. Price increases: The price rises recommended by the Commission range from 4 per cent for bread-making wheat to 12 per cent for flax and hemp, but the rises he mainly between 6 and

10 per cent.
Milk and beef-two of the Milk and beef—two of the most surplus-ridden products—would both be kept to a 6 per cent price increase initially, but milk would go up by another 2 per cent on September 16, and beef by a further 3 per cent from the beginning of December.

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December.

Although the proposed price increases are higher than in recent years, Mr Dalsager and his colleagues think they are reasonable when set against what they estimate to have been a 12 per cent rise in farmers costs last year. Impact on food prices: The proposed increases refer to the "support" prices at which the EEC undertakes to boy up produce for which farmers are

Monastery on

Mount Athos

seized by rebels

trying to evict from Mount

Athos, an all-male monastic community in northern Greece, four monks who invaded and

seized control of Karakalou, one of the peninsula's 20 main

The gendarmerie intervened at the request of the ruling council of Mount Athos, on

which all 20 monasteries are

inside Karakalou, an eleventh century fort-like complex and

gave a warning that they would

The four monks are led by Archimandrite Stefanos Lahanis, who had been dismissed as Abbot of Karakalou in 1973,

after accusations of sacrilege. He appears to have taken advantage of a feud within the

The gendarmerie posted on

the barricaded gate of the monastery the orders expelling the four intruders, but there was no intention of using force for the time being.

When the gendarmes camped

outside the monastery, one monk of the 11 known to be

inside appeared at a window aloft saying that there "would be a massacre" if the men tried to break in.

represented. However, invaders barricaded them

monasteries.

monastery

of "co-responsibility" — the doctrine that farmers can no longer expect open-ended support and must expect to pay part of the cost of the purchase storage and subsidized export of

made stricter and extended to cereals, beef, olive oil, oil-seed, tobacco, fruit and vegetables. In the case of milk, the existing production tax of roughly \$2.45 a tonne would be maintained, and dairies which processed more milk in 1981-82 than the average of the previous two years would pay a punitive super levy of £46 a tonne on the excess. Leading article, page 15

Opposition to permanent Olympic site From Mario Modiano Athens, Feb 19 The Greek authorities are

Lausanne, Feb 19.—A Greek offer to move the Olympic Games to a permanent site in its ancient home is opposed by "a substantial segment" of the International Olympic Com-mittee (IOC), a spokesman said

The IOC executive board will discuss a special commission report on the proposal in Los Angeles next week. But soundings of the 83 TOC members show "there is clearly a substantial segment which disapproves ".- Reuter.

Journalists disagree over their protection

A plan to set up a commission for the protection of journalists under the aegis of Unesco, which has been under discussion this week at a consultative conference of representatives of 15 international organizations of journalists, has ended in

failure.
The representatives of two American press associations— the Inter-American Press Association, and the World Press Freedom Committee—and those of the International Press those of the International Press
Institute and the International
Federation of Newspaper
Editors, refused to entrust an
international body with the
security of journalists, on the
grounds that such a commission
would be ineffective and could
constitute a threat to the freedom of the oress

constitute a threat to the freedom of the press.

The dissenting opinion which
they published in the form of a
separate declaration states that
the "creation of an international organ which would determine who is a journalist should
be rejected as an obstacle to
freedom of the press".

This refers to the suggestion
contained in the paper prepared
for the conference at Unesco
by M Pierre Gaborit, a professor of political science at the
University of Paris-Nord, that
the proposed commission would
try to achieve better protection try to achieve better protection for journalists by "seeking common solutions in the field

of professional ethics.",

He decied that there was anything in his paper which suggested that the protection of journalists should be subordinated to the respect of certain professional ethics; and he insisted that there was nothing insisted that there was nothing in his draft which did not appear in all the declarations already adopted by Unesco on the problem of communications

and the press.

But that in a way is precisely the trouble. American and West European journalists' organizations have always bad misgivings about the activities of the MacBride Commission, which produced a voluminous report on "communications problems" approved by the Unesco General Conference in

Belgrade last year.

The key issue which it faced was how to meet the legitimate desire of Third World countries for more balanced coverage of events concerning them by international — and largely Western—news media, without giving way to the scarcely veiled objective of communist countries to use this as an excuse for restricting journalists' activities and imposing a form of indirect censorship of

manslaughter

Milan, Feb 19. — Riccardo Parrese, the Italian Formula One racing car driver, and the former director of the race track where the Swedish racing driver Ronnie Peterson died in the 1978 Italian Formula One Grand Prix, were today charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Mr Peterson, who was injured in a crash in the September 10, 1978 race at the Monza autodrome, died in a local hospital two days later.

Judge Armando spataro, of Milan, who was investigating the accident, ordered the charges against Signor Patrese and Signor Gianni Restelli, the former autodrome director.

Judge Spataro said Signor Patrese tried to pass Peterson on the right side in a wide area of the track and to reenter the same lane. The manoeuvre forced several other cars, including Peterson's, to collide. Signor Patrese has claimed there was nothing illegal about his manoeuvre.

The charges against Signor Restelli said he waved the "go" flag too soon because some cars were still moving after having run a "recognition lap".—UPI.

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rating claim By a Staff Reporter "Perverted analysis": Denning's judgment in Miss

solicitor and legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties, is to seek leave to challenge in the House of Lords the Court of Appeal ruling that see committed a serious contempt of court by showing a journalist Home Office documents that had been

udiences for the corporation's iaturday night programmes vere declining. Jim'll Fix It. how were all drawing more minating it and when and to the extent that any such document is read out in open court in the course of proceedings in that action, or is otherwise affected by such reading out."

An application for leave to consel to the Lords will be 'elevision's football audience lad increased since they started o broadcast that sport on laturdays and that the BBC's

lodged within a few days and the certificate granted by Lord Denning, sitting with Lord Justice Templeman and Lord Justice Dunn, will be used to reinforce the application.

Earlier this month the Court of Appeal ruled that Miss Harman had committed a serious contempt of court in letting a

Harman's case is made today in an editorial in the New Law Journal. His conclusions are described as "about the most perverted analysis of the relationship

that we have ever en-countered." Lord Denning had gone out of his way to emphasize that the prisoner for whom Miss Harman had been acting in the

case where the documents were disclosed was "2 wicked criminal who had harassed society and was serving a long sentence for armed robbery To the extent that Harriet Harman was in contempt of

cleared up, including those in

Burgiaries rose by 8 per cent to 125,806, and fraud and forgery offences increased by

28 per cent to 33,172. Vehicle

crime offences totalled 177,063, which was rise of 2 per cent.

Mr Kelland also reported a

the last quarter of 1980. The figures were up by 37 per cent, or 4,319 cases, on the same quarter in 1979.

Children aged 10 to 16, according to arrest statistics,

carried, our 14 per cent of all

assaults, 30 per cent of robberies, 34 per cent of crime

court at all, as an officer of the court, would she have been less so had her client been a quite model prisoner?"

Lord Denning had also Lord Denning had also declared that no public interest was serve by the disclosure. But he did not pause to consider what the case would be had the article been proestablishment, before proceeding to his "most remarkable complaint" that the danger of

disclosure was that critics of one political colour or another might seize on the information and seek changes in government policy or to condemn it. The article says it hopes the Contempt of Court Bill will be amended.

Trousers plea by Sikh nurse

to wear trousers while she was

a racial group and that Miss Tajwinder Kaur's complaint was

The renewal of the Preven-tion of Terrorism (Temporary

Provisions) Act next month is expected to be formally opposed

for the first time by the Par-liamentary Labour Party since it was introduced in 1974.

The Act, which comes up for

renewal on March 25, is also expected to be allotted a half-

day's debate instead of the

usual hour and a half at night,

because of pressure from the

The Labour Party's civil

liberties group opposes renewal. Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP for

Ormskirk and the group's chairman, said yesterday: "This is a major new policy initiative.

"A lot of us realize that the

Prevention of Terrorism Act is the European Commission of being used for purposes for Human Rights.

By Frances Gibb

Opposition.

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show, very few are being charged.

mentary Labour Party is now officially prepared to oppose renewal of this legislation means at least by implication, that they are committed to its repeal when in government.

Several cases are pending against the United Kingdom

for detention or exclusion under the Act. Mr Daniel Ryan,

an Irishman who had lived in Britain since 1949, is contesting

his exclusion under the Act in

1975 and has lodged a case with

"The fact that the Parlia-

trousers because of customs and religion,

Labour to fight renewal of terrorism Act which it was not intended.
Many people are being detained and interrogated who have no conceivable connexion with terrorism, and as the figures show were few are being If declared admissible for consideration by the com-mission, the case will increase pressure for he repeal of the

The other cases involve two United Kingdom cirizens and an Irish citizen, who are contesting their detention without charge under the Act. The commission has declared them admissible.

Miss Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, which has been in the forefront of the campaign for the removal of the Act, said yesterday: "This Act has now been in force for six years and is in danger of

Swiss and Britons have longest working week

Geneva, Feb 19.—The Swiss French and West Germans ork the longest hours in West. worked an average of 41.2 and work the longest bours in Western Europe, with Britons not far behind, the International Labour Organization (ILO)

reported today. . . . An ILO survey of working week trends in the 1970s said both were in a small group of industrialized countries with little or no change between 1970 and the end of 1979. The 1979 average in Britain was 44 hours for men and 37.4 hours for women. In Switzerland the average was 44.5.

35.7 and Belgians with 35.8. The

41.9 hours respectively. The ILO said Third World figures were hard to get and the real issue there was not to cur working hours but to find 1,000 million more jobs by the end of the century.

The long working week in Switzerland does not seem to bother the Swiss, the ILO said, because a proposal to limit working hours to 40 per week was recently rejected in a national referendum.

Americans worked the short-est hours, an average 35.6 hours a week for New Zealand hours, followed by Swedes with and 40.7 hours in Japan. and 40.7 hours in Japan.-

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BBC rejects | Lords may hear plea over Harman ruling

The Court of Appeal, headed by Lord Denning, Master of Rolls, yesterday granted an application by counsel for Miss Harman for a certificate stating that a point of law of general public importance was involved.

The point of law is "Whether a itigant's obligation or under-taking implied by law in respect of the use which may be made of any of his opponent's documents disclosed on discovery in the action is correctly defined as ter-minating if and when and to the

appeal to the Lords will be lodged within a few days and

contempt of court in letting a

By A Staff Reporter

The Kingston and Richmond
Area Health Authority is to appeal against a decision that it indirectly discriminated against a Sikh girl who wanted

Miss Kaur was accepted for process while she was a range training at Kingston

nursing.
The authority is expected to challenge an industrial tribunal decision on the ground that Sikhs are a religious rather than

nurse training at Kingston Hospital but the offer was later withdrawn when she raised the She said she had to wear her

becoming permanent". The number of MPs voting against its renewal had always en depressingly small.

creased by nearly two-thirds.

The result has been higher prices, higher unemployment and lower productivity growth. Over-regulation causes small and inde-

pendent businessmen and women as well as large businesses, to

defer or terminate plans for exponsion and, since they are responsible for most of our new jobs, those new jobs are not created.

We have no intention of dis-

nation to do

the right things

Finally, just yesterday, a signed an executive order that for

the first time provides for effective and coordinated managemen

help us gain control of inflation.

It is important to note that we are only reducing the rate of increase in taxing and spending. We are not attempting to cut either spending or taxing to a livel below that which we presently have.

This plan will get our economy regions and increase producing the seconomy regions.

moving again, increase productivity growth, and thus create the jobs

growth, and thus create the jobs our people must have.
I am asking that you join me in reducing direct federal spanding by \$41.4 billion in fiscal year 1982, along with \$7.7 billion in user fees and off-badget savings for a total savings of \$49.1 billion. This will still allow an increase of \$40.8 billion over 1981 spanding.
I know that exaggerated and inaccurate spories about these cuts have disturbed many people, par-

hate disturbed many people, par-ticularly those dependent on gram and benefit programmes for their basic needs.

basic needs.

Some of you have heard from constituents afraid that special security cheques, for example, might be taken from them. I reget the fear these unfounded stories have caused and welcome this upportunity to set things remisely.

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We will continue to fulfil the obligations that spring from our national conscience.

Those who through no fault of their own must depend on the rest of us—the poverty stricken, the disabled, the elderly, all those with true need—can rest assured that the social safety net of programmes they depend on are exempt from any cuts.

The full retirement benefits of the more than 31 million social security recipients will be continued along with an annual cost of tiving increase, Medicare will not he cut, nor will supplemental income for the blind, aged and disabled. Funding will continue for veterans' pensions.

School breakfasts and lunches for the children of low-income families will continue as will nutrition and other special services for the ageing. There will-be no cut in project, head-start or summer youth jobs.

All he all, nearly \$216 billion—providing help for tens of millions of Americans— will be fully funded. But government will not continue to subsidize individuals or particular business interests where real need cannot be demonstrated.

And while we will reduce some subsidies to regional and local

be demonstrated.

And while we will reduce some subsidies to regional and local governments, we will at the same time convert a number of categorical grant programmes into block grants to reduce wasteful administrative overheads and to give local government entries, and some government entities and states more flexibility and control.

We call for an end to duplica-tion in federal programme and reform of those which are not

cost-effective.

Already, some have protested there must be no reduction of aid to schools. Let me point out that federal aid to education amounts to only 8 per cent of total educational funding. For this the federal Couragnment has indicated the federal couragnment in the federal c the lederal Government has insig-ted on a tremendously dispropor-tionate share of control over our schools. Whatever reductions we're

proposed that 3 per cent will amount to very little of the total cost of education. It will, however, restore more authority to states and local school districts. Historically the American people

have supported by voluntary con-tributions more artistic and cultural activities than all the other

Subsidies for industry to be cut back

I wholeheartedly support this approach and believe Americans will continue their generosity. Therefore, I am proposing a savings of \$85m in the federal subsidies now going to the arts and bumanities. There are a number of subsidies

to business and industry I believe are unnecessary; not because the activities being subsidized are not of value but occause the market place contains incentives enough to warrant continuing these activities without a coverament

One such subsidy is the Department of Energy's synthetic fuels programme. We will continue support of research leading to de-velopment of new technologies and more independence from foreign oil, but we can save at least \$3.2 billion by beating to private industry the building of plants to industry the building of plants to make liquid or gas fucls from coal.

We are adding that another major buriness subsidy, the I sport-import Bank Lean Authories, be reduced by one-third in 1832. We are doing this because the primary beneficiaries of taxinger funds in this case are the cyloriding compacity themselves most of them profitable corpora-

And this brings me to a number of other lending programmes in which government makes low-interest basis, some of them for an interest rate as low as 2 per

What has not been very well understood is that the Treasury Department has no money of its own. It has to an into the private carried market and burrow the In this time of excessive interest rates the Government finds itself paying interest several times as high as it receives from the hor-rowing egency. The impayers— your constituents—of course, are paying that high interest rate and it just makes all other interest

rates higher.

By terminating the Economic Development Administration we can save lumdreds of millions of dollars in 1982 and billions more over the next few years.

There is a lick of consistent and convincing evidence that EDA and its regional commissions have been effective in creating new jobs-They have been effective in creating an army of planners, grant-men and professional middlemen We believe we can do better just by the expansion of the nomy and the job creation which will come from our economic

The fond stamp programme will be restored to its original purpose. to assist those without resources to sufficient nutritional

We will, however, save \$1.3 billion in FY (Fiscal Year) 1982 by
removing from eligibility those
who are not in real need or who
are abusing the programme.

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year for three years in the last to the family-owned farm and the
rates for all individual income tat. I family-owned business—and a
payers making a total tax cut of i number of others.

But our programme for econo-

This plan is almed at reducing the growth in Government spending and raxing, reforming and eliminating regulations which are unnecessary and counterproductive, and encouraging a consistent menetary policy aimed at maintaining the value of the currency. If enacted in full, our programme can help America create 13 million new jobs, marry three million more than we would without these measures. It will also help us gain control of inflation. It is important to note that we but I believe I have painted it accurately.

"It is within our power to change this picture and we can act in hope. There is nothing wrong with our internal strengths. There has been no breakdown in the human, technological and natural resources upon which the economy is built."

He said that his proposals were based on this confidence in a

system that has never failed us, but which we have failed through a lack of confidence, and sometimes through a belief that we could fine tune the economy".

In his peroration, the President said: "This, then is our proposal: 'America's new beginning: a programme for economic recovery.' I do not want it to be simply the plan of my Administration. I am here tonight to ask you to join me in making it our plan.

"Together we can embark on this road, not to make things easy, but to make things better. Can we do the job? The answer is yes. But we must begin now. There is nothing wrong with America that we can't fix."



The President preparing to deliver his budget speech to Congress.

Despite this reduction, the pro-gramme will be budgeted for more than \$10 billion.

We will tighten welfare and give more attention to outside sources of income when determining the amount of welfare an individual is allowed. This plus strong and effective work requirements will save \$520m next year.

I stated a moment ago our inten-tion to keep the school breakfast and lunch programme for those in true need. But by cutting back on meals for children of families who can afford to pay, the savings will be \$1.6 billion in FY 1982.

Let me just touch on a few other areas which are typical of the kind of reductions we have included in this economic package. Included in this economic package. The trade adjustment assistance programme provides benefits for workers who are unemployed when foreign imports reduce the market for various. American products causing shutdown of plants and layoff of workers. The purpose is to help these workers find jobs in growing sectors of our conomy. And yet, because these benefits are paid out on top of normal unemployment benefits, we wind up paving greater benefits to

an explorated tenents, we wind up paying greater heneits to those who lose their 100s because of foreign competition than we do to their friends and neighbours who are laid off due to domestic who are laid off due to domestic competition.

Anyone must agree that this is unfair putting there two programmes on the same footing will sive \$1.15 hillion in just one year. Earlier I made mention of changing categorical grants to states and local governments into block grants. We know of course that categorical grant programmes burden local and state governments with a mass of federal regulations and federal paperwork. Inclicative targeting, we teld administrative overneads—all can be climinated by shifting the resources and decision-making authority to local and state government. competition.

This will also consolidate pro-emmers which are scattered throughout the federal hurran-tracy, it will bring government closer to the people and will save \$23.9 billion over the next five

Our programme for economic renewed deals with a number of programmies which at present are not cost effective. An example is Medicaid. Right now Washington provides the states with colonied matching payments for their expenditure. At the same time we here in Washipston pretty much dictate how the states will manage the programme,
We want to put a cap on how
much the federal Government
will contribute but at the same

time clow the scale mack more flexibility in maniging and structuring their programmes. I know from our experience in

priorities to focus on the most about important and cont-effective Mana programmes can result in savings of a quarter of a billion doffar.

Coming down from space to the mailbox—the postal service has been consistently unable to live within its operating budget. It is the enterty of large economic recovery.

It is time to create new jobs, build any rebuild any expected and service has been consistently unable to live within its operating budget. It is Coming down from space to the mailbox—the postal service has been consistently unable to live within its operating budget. It is still dependent on large federal

administer a gas (petrol) rationing plan, and prior to decoutrol it ran the oil price control programme. With these and other regula-tions gone we can save several hundreds of millions of dollars over the next few years.

Now I'm sure there is one department you've been waiting for me to mention. That is the Department of Defence. It is the only department in our entire programme that will actually be increased over the present increased over the present budgeted figure. But even here there was no exemption.

there was no exemption.

The Department of Defence came up with a number of cuts which reduced the budget increase needed to restore our military balance. These measures will save \$2.9 hillion in 1982 outlays and by 1986 a total of \$28.2 billion will have been saved.

The aim will be to provide the most effective defence for the lowest possible cost.

I believe my duty as President requires that I recommend increases in defence spending over the coming years.

Since 1970 the Sovier Union has invested \$200 billion more in its

invested \$200 billion more in its nilitary forces than we have. As a result of its massive military build-up, the Soviets now have a significant numerical advantage in strategic nuclear delivery systems, factical aircraft, submarines, artillers and artisaterast defence. To allow this imbulance to continue is a threat imbalance to continue is a threat to our national security.

Notwithstanding our economic straits, making the financial changes beganning now is for less corfly than waiting and attempting a crash programme several years from now.

We remain committed to the goal of arms lemination through negotiation and hope we can be a security.

Taxation changes

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It is time to create new jobs,
build and rebuild industry, and
give the American people room to
do what they do best. And that
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can only be done with a pay subsidies.

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payers with \$500 billion more in their pockets over the next five years, is actually only a reduction years, is actually only a reviction
in the tax increase already built
into the system.

Unlike some past tax.
"reforms", this is not merely a
shift of wealth between different
tets of taxpayers. This proposal
for an equal reduction in every-

for an equal reduction in everyone's tax rates will expand our
national prosperity, enlarge
national incomes and increase
opportunities for all Americans.
Some will argue, I know, that
reducing tax rates now will be
inflationary. A solid body of economic experts does not agree. And
certainly tax cuts adopted over the
past three-fourths of a century
indicate these economic experts
are right.

Indicate these economic experts are right.

The advice I have had is that by 1985 our real production of goods and services will grow by 20 per cent and will be \$300 billion higher than it is today.

The average worker's wage will rise (in real purchasing power) by 8 per cent and those are aftertex dollars. This, of course, is predicated on our complete prugramme of lax cuts and spending

to increase investment

tected by a bilanced and realists defense programma.

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pruvide the new investment which is needed to create millions of new jobs between now and 1986, and to make America competitive once arian in world markets. These are not make-work jobs, they are pro-ductive jobs with a future.

There is the unjust discriminanon against married couples if both are working and earning, mitton tax credits, the unfairness

This three-year reduction will also apply to the tax on uncarned income leading toward an eventual elimination of the present differ-ential between the tax on earned

ential between the tax on earned and unearned income.

The effective starting date for these 10 per cent personal income tax rate reductions will be July 1. of this year.

'Again, let me remind you this 30 per cent reduction in marginal rates, while it will leave the fax-

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It yes. But we must begin now.

Our social, political and cultural, as well as a conomic institutions, can an longer absorb the repeated shocks that have been dealt them over the past decades.

We are in control here. There is nothing wrong with America that we can't fix. So I'm full of hope and optimism that we will see this difficult new challenge to its end—that we will find those reservoirs of sational will to once again do the right thing.

I'm sure there will be some who will ruise the familiar old cry:

"Don't touch my programme, cut somewhere else."

I hope I've made it plain that

Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain is taking a very guarded line on the American request for support in its policy on El Salvador. Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, who is to be America's Assistant Secretary of State with responsibility for European affairs, was given "a sympathetic hearing" when he called on Sir lan Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, at the Foreign Office yesterday, but no commitments were made. Mr Eagleburger gave the British Government the latest American assessment of the situation in El Salvador and likely future developments, and supplied information, including documentary evidence, of the sarread of Cuban and of the sarread of the sar

"Don't touch my programme, cut somewhere else."

I hope I've made it plain that our approach has been even-banded—that only the programmes for the truly deserving needy remain untouched.

The question is, are we aimply going to go down the same path we're gone down before—carving out one special programme here and another special programme there. I don't think that is what the American people expect of us. More important, I don't think that is what they want. They are ready to return to the source of our strength.

The substance and prosperity of

strength.

The substance and prosperity of our nation is built by wages brought home from the factories and the mills, the farms and the ships. They are the services provided in 10,000 corners of America—the interest on the thrift of our people and the returns from their risk-taking. The production of America is the possession of those who build strength.

turns from their ristaking. The production of America is the possession of those who build, serve, create and produce.

For too long now, we've removed from our pecole the decisions on how to dispose of what they created. We have strayed from first principles. We must alter our course.

The taxing power of covernment must be used to provide revenues for legitimate government purposes. It must not be used to regulate the economy or bring about social change.

Spending by government must be limited to those functions which are the proper province of government. We way no langer afford things simply because we think of them.

Kest year we can reduce the

Next year we can reduce the budget by \$41.4 Inition, without harm to government's legitimate purposes and to our re-ponsibility to all who need our benevolence. This, plus the reduction in tax rates, will believe below to not recover. rates, will help bring an end to inflation.

If we do not do this, inflation

and a growing tax burden will put an end to excrething we believe in and to our dreams for the future. and to our dreams for the future.

We do not have an option of living with inflation and its attendant tragedy, of citions of productive people willing and able to work but unable to find buyers in the job market.

We have an alternative to that, a programme for economic recovery, a programme that will balance the budget, but us well on the road to our ultimate objective of climanating inflation entirely, increasing productivity and creat-

of channaing inflation entirely, increasing productivity and creating millions of new jobs.

True, it will take time for the facourable effects of our proposal to be felt. So we must begin now. The people are waithing and waiting. They don't demand mirracles, but they do expect us to act. Let us are received. ing Islam without a licence and issuing fating (religious rulings) without permission. It was the first case of its kind in Malaysia

act. Let us act rogether. Thank you and good night.

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American commentary

President relies on TV mastery to overcome Congress

Washington

At intervals during last year's presidential election campaign, Republican candidates were asked how they could hope to spending, and balance the budger all at the same time. Mr John Anderson said it was

easy: "You do it with mirrors". He was then drummed out of the party and the candidate who insisted most convincingly that it could be done, without mirrors, in due course became President. He disclosed the secret yesterday: these contra-dictory objectives will be achieved by an act of collective faith.

we have no anoguing of the manifing the regulatory agencies—especially those necessary to protect the evironment and to assure the public health and safety. However, we must come to grips with inefficient and burdensome regula-The budget of 1982 was premencient and burdensome regula-tions—eliminate those we can and reform those we must keep.

I have asked Vice-President (George) Bush to head a cabinet-level task force on regulatory relief. pared by President Carter. It proposed expenditures of \$740,000m (£308,000m) or so, and Mr Reagan wants to cut that by \$50,000m. It is a very large sum, and because much of it will come from welfare spendoccuring it asked each member of my Cabinet to postpone the effective dates of the hundreds of regulations which have not yet been implemented.

Third, in coordination with the task force, many of Second, I asked each member ing there are already great cries of anguish.

But it is only 6.5 per cent of the budget. Then Mr Reagan proposes to

task force, many of the agency heads have taken prompt action to review and rescind existing burdensome regulations. increase defence spending by \$10,000m and he wants to cut the federal taxes by 10 per cent. He does not devote too much time to working out what this might mean in lost revenue; according to supply-side economists, cutting taxes New challenge to promotes growth, employment and, therefore, tax revenue.

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It also cuts unemployment and, therefore, federal spending on unemployment benefits, and is thus anti-inflationary. The President thinks that the genuinal and the sell ground of the sell groun eral national product will grow of the regulatory process.

Atthough much has been accomplished, this is only a beginby 4 per cent next year, and every year for his term of office, as a result of the measures be announced yester-

In his message to Congress, the President explained how this remarkable turn-around will be achieved. "The pro-gramme we have developed", he said, "will break the cycle of negative expectations. It will registable expectations in with revitalize economic growth, renew optimism and confidence, and rekindle the nation's entre-preneurial instincts and creat-

This is the Reagan credo, a declaration of faith if ever there was one. It denies all the realities, or what we have thought were the realities of American experience of the past half century, not to mention experience in other countries, such as Britain. At the moment, the supply-

Asthough much has been accomplished, this is only a beginning.

We will eliminate those regulations that are unproductive and unnecessary by executive order where possible and cooperage fully with you on those that require legislation.

The final aspect of our plan requires a untional monetary policy which does not allow money growth to increase consistently faster than the growth of goods and services. In order to curb inflation we need to slow the growth in our money supply.

We thilly recognize the independence of the Federal Reserve System and will do nothing to undermine that independence.

We will consult regularly with the Federal Reserve Board on all aspects of our economic programme and will vigorously pursue budget policies that will make their job easier in reducing monetary growth.

A successful programme to achieve stable and moderate growth patterns in the money supply will keep both inflation and interest rates down and restore vigour to our financial institutions and markets.

This is, then our proposal:

"America's new beginning: A programme for economic recovery."

I do not want it to be simply siders are supremely confident. They have persuaded the President, and he is carrying out their prescriptions. The ques-tion is what will happen if their forecasts turn out to be wrong.

The first thing that will go wrong concerns Congress. Mr Reagan has a "mandate"; he was elected with a big majority. and pulled along large numbers of conservative Representatives and Senators into Washington, President Nixon's economic He is immensely popular (so stratery in 1973, and Mr are most presidents just after Carter's two years ago. It needs taking office) and can appeal another act of faith to believe to the people over the heads, that Mr Reagan will be luckier.

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Guarded British reaction

to US role in El Salvador

documentary evidence, of the all sides and want to see a spread of Cuban and other communist involvement in the We will continue to discuss area.

of Congress, as few of his pre-

But congressmen are not easily intimidated. The greatest of all presidential "communicawas Franklin Roosevelt, and he had the most sweeping mandate of any president in American history. Congress refused to be panicked for all that, after the first crisis of the

100 days was over. The fathers of the constitu-tion plotted and planted to prevent presidents from doing what Mr Reagan wants to do. The whole system of checks and balances of which Americans are so proud, is designed to stop Mr Reagan from having his way and changing things as radically as he wants.

He will not be able to cut

\$50,000m from the cherished programmes of the Federal Government; every cut he proposes will be contested birterly, fought every step of the way over months to come. He will be lucky if he gets half of them. The next snag he must face

concerns the nature of his popularity. He is master of telepopularity. He is master of relewision, but television watchers
have a short attention span.
Everyone is a television watcher
these days, and will soon forget Mr Reagan's homilies, and
become bored if he insists in
repeating them every formight.
He can appeal over the heads
of Congress now, but in six of Gongress now, but in six months' time, when his proposals are in real trouble on Capitol Hill, his television rat-ings may be much lower than

they are now.

If he is to have his "new beginning" he must do it in partnership with Congress. He partnership with Congress. He told them as much last night, and he will have to spend a great deal of his time, for four years, persuading individual Congressmen and Senators to agree with him and override the wishes of their constituents.

The next thing that may go wrong with his act of faith conrong with his act or faint concerns the electorate directly. A
poll taken last week shows vast
support for the idea of a balanced budget and doing all the
good and general things that
President Reagan wants.

It also showed, however, that

on specific proposals there was no such majority. Everyone wants to cut something, but everyone has a programme be wants saved. Mr Reagan is trying to per-

suade everyone to accept some loss of benefits (he has already given up the idea of reducing social security benefits). He wants farmers and construction workers, car workers and bureaucrats, as well as welfare mothers, to bear some of the burden. When the boneymoon is over, he is going to find it very difficult.

Lastly, the world is big and uncomfortable and things may happen quite beyond Mr Reagan's control or that of any American, Four years is a long time, An "oil shock" destroyed

emergency food and relief aid to El Salvador, pending con-sultations with Washington.

Britain's direct assistance is very limited. Some technical

assistance is being given to 11 El Salvadoreans on training

courses here, and a second in-stalment on an aid project totalling £75,000, for self-help

ia housing, is under way.

It seems unlikely that this minimal kind of help would be called into question. The British Embassy was closed

down early last year because of the local security problems. Asked about the British posi-tion on El Salvador, the Foreign Office said vesterday: "We condemn the violence on

European nartners how best to achieve this."

By Patrick Brogan US to cut funds for world aid **bodies**

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Feb 19

A senior official of Reagan Administration has said that United States contriburions to multilateral aid organizations are "not very cost effective" and as a result the Government plans to cut drastically its contributions to

these organizations. General Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, apparently agrees with the Treasury's plans to cut American foreign aid by 26 per cent next year and by more in later years from the levels proposed by former President Carter.

A full-scale review of United States participation in the World Bank and United Nations aid agencies has been launched. One most likely result, according to the senior official, is that the Administra-tion will oppose the idea of establishing an energy bank to aid energy development in the third world, as advocated by Mr Robert McNamara, the president of the World Bank.
The official emphazied that
the United States would abide
by its international commit-

ments to multilateral organizations, but it might demand that its contributions should be stretched out over a number of years. It was likely that the International Development Asloan affiliate of the World Bank, would not obtain United States funds swiftly and might face a crisis. America's allies would have

to come to the rescue of this agency if they wished it to sur-vive, the official went on. He added that foreign governments were aware that the Reagan administration's first priority was to revive the domestic economy and that it was simply not practicable to go to the Congress now for emergency funding of the International

Development Association.

The foreign aid cuts proposed amount to a reduction in authorizations by Congress of \$1,854m (£772m) next year rising to nearly \$3,000m by 1985. The Reagan Administration's forecasts show total authorizations for the coming fiscal year at \$150m above the 1984 level at \$5,392m. The White House will release

details of budget plans for foreign affairs, including the budget of the Department of State, on March 10. It is clear that in addition to cuts in contributions to multilateral organizations, the Administration intends to re-duce bilateral aid by 20 per

Ugandan soldiers

on rampage' missionaries sav Gulu, Uganda, Feb 19,-Ram-

paging Government rtoops and militiamen sucked two northern Ugandan villages and drove officials in Guin said today.

They said that about 25 civilians were believed to have been killed as a detachment of the newly-trained Uganda National Liberation Army and local militiatnen looted the villages of Adjumani and Pokelle last weekend.

Missionaries said 6,000
people had crowded into the mission stations in the villages and the rest of the population had fled into the bush.

had fied into the bush.

Mr Otema Alimandi, the Prime Minister, and Major General Titto Okello, the Commander of the Army, visited the villages today.

Three lorries, loaded with relief supplies, had already reached the villages, but more are needed to feed people who had taken refuge in the missions, the missionaries said. Residents said the Ugandan soldiers appeared to be taking. The most ribbal revenue for killings would not further the Amin years of the mission for the Aministent Mission for the mission f

terror .- Reuter.

Beirn, Feb 19.—Mar Maxi all no long mos Hakim, Patriarch of interest citizes Greek Catholic Church in the Maxi and Middle Fass Greek Catholic Church in the stall Prints) b Middle East, was slightly hard with ever injured when gummen fired of the more reac Middle Cast, injured of the more read his car east of Beirut today to more name. Mgr Hakim, aged 72, was bein my to ingle.

ation carefully. But it is clear that Britain will make its main response through the European Community, in consultation with its European partners. The Community has already agreed in delay a decision on active this." The fact that the new American Administration is engaging in such extensive consultations with its European partners, however, was "greatly welcomed", it was emphasized yesterday. driven to Zuhle, a stronghold o. The highest the Greek Catholic community. The highest prone of

Conviction by religious court brings Malaysian Islamic dispute into open roadblocks and strict security, some 1,000 of his supporters sudden acquisition of wealth a provide the basis for the provide the basis for the differences, which the industry post

From M. G. G. Pillai Kuala Lumpur, Feb 19 An Islamic sharia (religious were present court) in Trenggann state, of the trial. Malaysia, this week convicted a 56-year-old Malay ulenta (reli-sious teacher) of offences against Islam and jailed him

area. Sir Ian Gilmour undertook

to study the American inform-

for four months.

In so doing, it brought into the open a simmering dispute between the state Islamic authorities and 2 powerful group of independent ulcrus. The dispute is confined so far

in Trengganu but there are fears it could spread to the other 12 states. Although Islam is the state religion, each state has full control over the administration of Islam within irs boundaries. Haji Mustapha bin Ilaji Abu Bakar faced charges of preach-

in more than 40 years. A popular ulema, he attracted crowds of 10,000 during his trial lasting a year in a village near the state capital of Kuala Trengganu. Even with police

underscores the dilemma of the state authorities. The independent ulemas, of whom he is one, preach a fundamental Islam, often challenging official jamen. It was his narrow definition of a Muslim which brought Haji Mustapha to trial. The polarization between the

nounced as the relatively backward state struck oil and hecame the centre of the oil industry in west Malaysia. The growing wealth of a few individuals, contrasted with the poverty of the rest of the state, has only accentuated the issue. It has also brought about an official and unofficial system of religious administration. So polarized have they become that it is not unusual for couples getting married, for instance, to go through religious ceremonies conducted, separacial Kathis (religious judges).

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Mr Callaghan urges Westminster to endorse Canada plan By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Parliament Labour Parliament P

former Labour Prime Minister, made a surprise intervention in the Commons yesterday in sup-port of the Canadian Government's plan to patriate its con-

To shouts of disagreement, mainly from the Conservative backbenchers, Mr Callaghan asked Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the House of Commons, to give an undertaking that there would be no departure from the precedent that a request from the Federal Parliament of Canada over the constitutional dispute would be met in full by the British Government with a favourable recommendation to the House of Commons.

Mr Pym, reflecting the con-cern of the British Govern-ment and its anxiety that this delicate issue should not damage relations between Ottawa and Westminster, said that no request had yet been received from Canada.

Adding that it could not yet be said with certainty that a request would be received, Mr Pym said that he did not think rym said that he did not think a statement at this stage would be appropriate nor would it be welcomed by the Federal Government. It was necessary to wait until its proceedings were concluded and if a request was then made, it would have to be dealt with

But Mr Callaghan's implication that any request from the Canadian Government should be rubber-stamped by West-minster met with an angry response from some Tory MPs. Biggs-Davison

be put before them.

Another Conservative, Sir Bernard Braine (South-East Essex), said that Mr Callaghan had made a surprising suggestion and that he was gravely misjudging the mood of the House if MPs were to be asked to approve and rubber-stamp such a request it would be rotally unprecedented without the full consent not only of the Federal Government but of the provincial governments of

receival governments out of the provincial governments of Canada.

Mr Callaghan replied that all he had asked for was that the British Government should act in accordance with convention. Of course the Commons must consider what was put before it and the House could make a fool of itself if it wished and turn the request down.

The convention, however, was that the Government should place this legislation in front of the House, if it received such a request, together with favourable backing, asking the House that it should be passed.

Mr Pyan replied that the essential convention was a request from the Federal Parliament of Canada which had not yet been received. If a not yet been received. If a request were received, that would result in a situation of the utmost importance and possibly of difficulty.

The Government and the Commons would have to act in a highly responsible way and he was sure they would do that. But he insisted that it was not a matter to be pursued at present because it was still an open issue before the Canadian Parliament.

In a veiled attack on Government policy, the Pope went on to attack forms of birth control, including recent moves in the West to legalize abortion.

"Whoever attempts to des-"Whoever attempts to destroy human life in the womb of the mother not only violates the sacredness of a living, growing and developing human being, and thus opposes God, but also attacks society by undermining respect for human life, he said.

"If a person's right to life is violated at the moment in which he is first conveived in his

Pope attacks

birth control

Asia's

policies

From Peter Hazelhurst

Cebu, Philippines, Feb 19

Asia's attempts to control one of the world's most frightening population explosions by encouraging the use of artificial contraception were vigorously condemned by the Pope today after he arrived in the city of Cebu, the site where Magellan was killed when he introduced the Philippines to Christianity 460 wears

pines to Christianity 460 years

He also made it clear that the church would refuse to lift

its ban on marriages within the priesthood in spite of demands for a more liberal policy.

Declaring that the church will never dilute or change her teachings on marriage and the family," the Pope told the

The raming," the Pope told the Philippines, a country with an alarmingly high birth rate of 2.3 per cent, that people should be left to choose the size of their families without being subjected to economic or political coercion.

"Parenthood has a dignity all of its own, guaranteed by God himself. On my part, I owe it to my apostolic office to re-

affirm as clearly as possible what the Church of Christ

what the Church of Christ reaches in this respect, and to reiterate vigorously her con-demnation of artificial contra-ception and abortion."

Like many other developing countries in Asia, the Philip-pines, with its large Roman Catholic population, is promot-ing a vigorous family planning

programme which encourages sterilization, vasectomes and the distribution of free contra-

he is first conceived in his mother's womb, an indirect blow is struck also at the whole moral order.²⁰

He also attacked the growing demands within the church for a more liberal policy on divorce and the ban on marriages within the priesthood.

China church Varican is considering recog-nizing the independent Catholic Church of China to try and restore the long-severed links with Chinese Catholics, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Pope's Secretary of State, said today (Reuter reports from Cebu Reuter reports from

City). He disclosed this to journ alists while discussing the Pope's declaration last night that he was longing to visit China and meet the faithful there. "There are also some signals from China," he added without elaboration.

Cardinal Casaroli said there were doubts about the legiti-macy of the independent bishops in China in the eyes of the Vatican. "Bur," he added, what is illegitimate can be

legitimized... Before the much smaller independent Catholic church re-placed the Roman Church in China numerous priests had been jailed or deported and church institutions closed. Peking welcome: China's Catholic Church cautiously welcomed

the Pope's unity call today but said formidable political problems barred any meaningful rapprochement. The communist Government ignored the Pope's remarks which were not carried by any newspaper, radio or television report.—UPI.

Zaire Cabinet is reshuffled

Paris, Feb 19.-President dobutu of Zaire has reshuffled his government, naming Mr Bomboko Lokumba as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Inter-national Cooperation, the Zaire news agency said in a report monitored here yesterday. Mr Bomboko, who served as Foreign Minister in the 1960s, was also named Deputy Prime

Minister, a new post created in the reshuffle, the agency added. He was stripped of his powers in the early seventies, report edly because of an alleged plo against the President.—Agence France-Presse.

The West Bank-4: Frightening prospect of Jews shooting Jews in occupied territories

Labour Party priority is to reach agreement with Jordan

With Israel's general election ess than five months away, it is aiready clear that the most divisive issue between Mr Begin's ruling coalition and the opposition Labour Party will be the future of the occupied West Bank and its 720,000 Palestinian inhabitants.

Whereas the Government is committed to retaining Israeli military control over the whole area, the opposition—which polisters predict will win a landshide victory—is pledged to try to negotiate a territorial compromise with Jordan.

"We simply have a different "We simply have a different picture, not so much of the Middle East, but of the state of Israel", explained Mr Abba Eban the former representative at the United Nations who is likely to be the next Israeli Foreign Minister. "For 18, Israel should ensure its Jewish and demographic character, even at the price of a certain measure of compactness. We measure of compactness. We oppose the idea of permanent Israeli rule over 12 milion Arabs in the West Bank and

Although the opposition has retrained from revealing as

Government would be willing to relinquish possession of only about 80 per cent of the 2,200 square miles of Arab land conquered in 1967.

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What has not been explained is how this policy will be reconcited with Labour's commitment to carry our Israel's obligations under the faltering Camp David framework, including the still deadlocked talks on providing autonomy for all West Bank Arabs.

Labour Explanation have

Labour spokesmen have done little to disguise their pessimism about the prospects for the Camp David formula, and it is apparent that their energies will first be devoted to trying to open a dialogue with Jordan's King Hussin.

"Without a microscope it "Without a microscope, it is very hard to determine the difference in the position of the autonomy talks now and that when they started in 1979", Mr Eban commented sarcastically.

Mr Eban also stressed that

Ar Eban also stressed that in addition to retaining absolute sovereignty over the Arab sector of Jerusalem annexed in 1967 (under a previous Labour administration), a new Labour Government would also flatly refuse to bargain over the accumid Jenies over the occupied Jordan valley or the Etzion block, a strategic

cluster of Jewish settlements situated between the Arab towns of Hebron and Bethle-

em.
Despite veiled hints of secret talks in the past, Labour has so far failed to convince either Western diplomats or large numbers of Israeli citizens that King Husain would agree to talk under such stringent conditions. The King recently told The Times that he would not negotiate over "an inch of Palestinian soil or an iota of Palestinian rights".

Reinforced by his new alliance with Iraq, the King has repeatedly stated that he will play no part in talks which rule out discussion of annexed East Jerusalem.

But Mr Eban, one of the chief architects of Labour's socalled "Jordanian option" is undeterred. "It would be very surprising", he countered, "if there was an Israeli proposal which was acceptable—before negotiation—to anybody on the other side."

West Bank Arabs are also sceptical of the chances of Labour's policy achieving a breakthrough, noting that it rules out any dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). "They are flogging a dead horse which before it was buried was known as the

Allon Plan", said Mr Elias Freij, the Bethlehem mayor who is regarded as one of the more moderate Palestinian

more moderate rates and more moderate leaders.

"Why should the King act as Israel's policeman when he has no hope of getting back East Jerusalem, and when Israel has brazenly declared its intention of annexing those parts of the West Rank it will not give back?"

Labour is also committed to reversing the Begin Government's policy of building settlements in areas of dense Arab population. But serious doubts and divisions exist inside the party about how to deal with the scores of existing settlements. ments.
The settlers are well trained

and armed: they are also equipped with armoured vehiequipped with armoured vehi-cles, communications equipment and they have the blessing of the Israeli Chief of Staff, General Eitan. "It is by no means certain that Labour could order a non-politicized Israel army to pull the settle-ments down", explained Mr Hirsh Goodman, defence corres-pondent of the Jerusalem Post. pondent of the Jerusalem Post.
The frightening prospect of Jews shooting Jews in the West Bank led to much soulsearching at a recent series of private policy seminars staged

by Labour's hierarchy. A senior

that any attempt to remove the settlers would make the 1948 Altalena affair (when the new Israeli Army killed 16 members

Israeli Army killed 16 memoers of the Irgun Jewish terrorises) look like "a tea party".

Initially a new Labour cabinet is expected to cut funds to those settlements of which it disapproves. But even this measure could be frustrated if the party is forced into another coalition with the National Religious Party.

coalition with the National Religious Party.

Some political observers now believe that faced with the prospect of internal party divisions and a threat to the main of Israel, a future Labour Covernment's West Bank policy could amount to more of a change in style than in substance.

It is this possibility that is now worrying many local Palestinians. "Labour is much more subtle", claimed Mrs Raymonds Tawyl, a Palestinian activist from Ramallah who spent four months under house spent four months under house arrest during the previous Labour Government, "As Arabs, we are at least grateful to Mr Begin for unmasking Israel's real intentions." The first three parts of this five-part series appeared on Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday. The series will conclude on the feature page next week.

Kerr hope to

settle again

in Australia

Sir John Kerr, the forme

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, Feb 19

Patriation opposed by provincial premier

From John Best Ottawa, Feb 19

Mr Allan Blakeney, the Premier of Saskatchean, today came out against the attempt by Mr Pierre Trudeau to patriate the Canadian constitu-

Blakenev officially announced his opposition one day after four members of the Federal Parliament from Saskatchewan belonging to his New Democratic Party (NDP) ebelled and announced that hey would vote against the neasure in the House of ommons.

Mr Edward Broadbent, the ederal leader of the left-wing NDP, supports the Trudeau slan. The four rebels include dr Lorne Nystrom, the party hip and constitutional affairs ritic. They contend that the entral government's unilateral ion is out of keeping with 'anada's status as a federation. Mr Blakeney, a widely espected moderate in the contitutional debate now wracking anada had been assiduously good by the Liberal federal overnment to support the atriation proposal. Today in egina however, Mr Blakeney

alled a press conference to put a the record "with sorrow"

Canada's 10 provinces reject the

Canada's 10 provinces reject the federal plan.
Yesterday's defections among NDP Members of Parliament do not directly imperil Mr Trudeau's grand design for genting the Canadian Parliament to pention the British Parliament to give Canada total control over the British North America Act of 1867. Canada's America Act of 1867, Canada's constitution, after attaching an amending formula and a bill of

amending formula and a bill of rights.

The Liberals, with their absolute majority in the 282-nember Commons and with the remainder of the 32-member NDP group, have more than enough voting strength to push through the measure against the Conservatives.

NDP support as a form of sur-rogate Liberal backing for the constitutional package which helps give it more legitimacy

been contained, however. One of 12 NDP members from British Columbia, Mr. Svend Robinson, who had been expected to break ranks with his party leadership, announced yesterday that he intended to provincial government's vote for the patriation plan.

Malta opposition warning on courts reform Bill

rom Our Correspondent alletts, Feb 19

Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, the ader of the opposition ationalist Party, said yester-ty that under the Maltese jurts reform Bill citizens who ould seek the protection of the furts when they most needed that is when wronged by the overnment, would not find it. Addressing the party's ctional committees Mr Fenech dami added that it might be fficult for lay people to grasp e implications of the new law which it will no longer be issible for private citizens to ie the Government except on me technical points) but it as proving difficult even for wyers the more one read and read it, the more numerous ere the dangerous consequens that came to light. He recalled that none of the

instituted bodies and free ade unions (the General orkers Union forms a united ont with the Government) had

accepted the invitation of Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Mini-ster, to take part in a broadcast discussion with him on the law. They replied that they had already made known their

serious objections and that the

proper place for the discussion of the law was Parliament. He added that even The Times of London had considered that it should write a leading article on the subject. As a result the Maltese Attorney General had written to the paper saying that the law would bring Malta's posi-tion in line with that of England because the courts would retain the right to consider whether the Government acted ultra vires. The only difference would be that there would

be a written law.

Mr French Adami said this
was not true because the law would now specify and there-fore limit the cases when something done by the Government

the Conservatives.
Nevertheless, the revolt deprives support of the west for

the plan

nationally.

The rebellion apparently has

Psychiatrists' offer to dissident By Nicholas Timmins

The Royal College Psychiatrists has taken the unusual step of offering membership to Dr Semyon Gluzman, a Ukrainian dissident psychiatrist in exile in Siberia.

The invitaton, on the basis that he is a "medical graduate of exceptional distinction", is a further attempt to bring pressure on the authorities in the Soviet Union to felease Dr Gluzman, aged 34, who has spent seven years in a labour camp and is serving a three-year exile in Siberia, due to

end in May, 1982. The college says his sentence is harsh even by Soviet stan-dards and was given for opposing the "treatment" of mentally well individuals solely because of their views, although the charge was one of circularing a samizdat document on one particular case. It is the first time the college has offered a member-

ship to a dissident.
While in exile, the college says, Dr Gluzman cannot prac-tise as a doctor and has to do menial tasks. When in the labour camp, he wrote a manual for dissidents together with Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, a dissident now in the West, advising them on how to avoid being diag-nosed mentally ill,

Royal College of | Moscow increases number of exit visas for Jews Western observers are cautious about attributing the intrease in emigration to any

The temple of Garny in Soviet Armenia has been restored to its full glory by Armenian architects.

Moscow, Feb 19

After a virtual ban this year on the emigration of Jews, the Soviet authorities have unexpectedly begun granting a large number of exit visas. According to Jewish sources up to 10 times the usual number have received visas in the past three weeks, and some who have been waiting for years have suddenly been told they may leave. The exodus may be only tem-

Built in the first century AD, it was destroyed by an earthquake in 1679.

porary, and it is not clear whether it is confined to Moscow or represents a general trend throughout the country. are reports that two ago on some days as as 100 people were granted visas, which would suggest a total of about 1,500 to

2,000 for the month. This compares with a total of about 21,000 for the whole of 1980.

The increase in the number of exit visas being granted coincides with the release of Mr Josef Mendelevich, the last man to be freed of a group of man to be freed of a group of Jews which tried to hijack a Soviet aircraft 11 years ago.

He arrived yesterday in Vienna, after being released from a labour camp more than a year before the end of the

likely, and the reason for the clemency to Mr Mendelevich, is the Helsinki accords review con-ference in Madrid, at which the Soviet record in human rights and emigration is being disthat since Jewish emigration is so closely linked with Soviet

single cause. But the most

policy towards the United States, and senatorial artitudes to the Russians, the increase was planned as a good-will gesture to coincide with the installation of Mr Ronald Reagan as-President.

Although it is now clear to the Russians that the Republi-can Administration is not likely to be impressed by such ges-tures, it takes the Soviet Bureaucracy some time to switch policies.

The party congress, which opens here on Monday, is probably also an influential factor. Some 5,000 delegates will come from all over the country and from abroad. As before the summer Olympics, the Russians are probably anxious to rid the probably anxious to rid the capital of potential trouble makers, and suggest to applicants that they may be allowed to leave if they do not cause problems.

Russia objects to postmark on Israel mail

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Feb 19

month refused to accept about 1,000 items from Israel, apparently because it disapproved of e postmark containing an appeal for contributions to the Israel Security Fund.

The Soviet Post Office this

The first 250 rejected letters eturned to Israel from Moscow on February 5 and further packets followed in the next formight. No explanation was given

but the Soviet addresses on the rejected mail were crossed out and arrows pointed to the post-mark containing the appeal in Hebrew and the Israel Army insignia, a sword and an olive branch. The Israelis this week removed the postmark from their electronic sorting

Governor-General, is back in Australia for the first time in three years. Sir John and Lady Kerr, who live in Surrey, are on holiday, but Sir John said he hoped eventually to settle in Australia again. Sir John caused the greatest furore in Australian politica

history when he dismissed Mr Gough Whitlam, the then Labour Prime Minister, on November 11, 1975, on the grounds that Mr Whitlam had refused to call an election when the Opposition, through its majority in the Senate, had blocked Government funds. Sir John installed Mr Malcolm Fraser, then the Opposition leader, as caretaker Prime Mini-

Mr Fraser won the election in December, 1975, with a record majority in the House of Representatives and be has subsequently won two

further elections.

Sir John's actions, however,
made him a vilified figure in
public life and his presence at
official functions was enough to provoke crowds into displaying open hostility. A huge police cordon was required when he appeared in public and the Covernor-General's car was frequently pelted with eggs and

In February, 1978, he was appointéed Australia's repr appointeed Australia's represen-tative in Unesco, based in Paris. But public reaction was so strong in Australia that he held the position for only two days. He and his wife then bought a house in England.

In Canberra yesterday, Sir John said that he hoped to John said that he hoped to return to Australia to live.

"We are going back to England after a very pleasant private holiday in Sydney. But later on we confidently hope and believe we will be arranging to come back and settle per-

manently in Sydney.

"We have a home in Surrey and we will have to think about matters of timing, but we have no need to decide this at this

Sir John said he had had a social lunch" as the guest of Mr Fraser but the main purpose of his Canberra visit to study archives relating to his personal papers.
"Other interesting matters

have also come up for thought and attention", he said. The couple are due to return to England later this month. So far there has been no demon-stration against their presence in Australia.

ormer Uganda hief justice gets longkong post

om Our Correspondent ongkong, Feb 19 The former Ugandan Chief stice in the Idi Amin era is w working as a suburban agistrate in Hongkong. Mr uhammad Seid, who had been pointed High Court Justice Uganda in 1974, joined npokong bench last month.

himself reported the pointment on Hongkong tele-

sion last night.
Admitting that it was "quite step down" to work as a agistrate after having been a ief justice, Mr Seid said that took up the job "because it we me a chance to start my dicial career afresh."

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Syrian leader urged to let young Jewish women emigrate

Damascus, Feb 19

The leader of Syria's small, but culturally unique Jewish community today appealed to President Assad to allow more than 100 Jewish girls to leave the country in order to marry abroad

In an interview with The Times, Mr Selim Torah, president of the Jewish Community Council in Damascus, pleaded with the President to ease the restrictions on emigration from Syria so that the girls, all aged between 20 and 25, could travel to America or Europe to find

husbands. husbands.

The sensitive issue of Jewish emigration from Syria is a fraught and highly controversial one for President Assad's government. Jewish organizations abroad—and especially Israelis—claim that the 5,000 Jews of Carifa are affectively held as Syria are effectively held as hostages by the Damascus regime, and virtually forbidden to travel abroad for fear that

they will go to Israel. The Syrian government denies this and claims that Jews live with the same rights, and restrictions, as any other Syrian citizen. When the President per-

Mr Totah, an elderly, grey-haired Jew with a pencil-thin moustache and a long, grey overcoat, spoke slowly and with emotion during our conversation, which took place in the staff room of a fewish school star room of a partial behind the Damascus bazar, and in the magnificent, chandeliered synagogue of El deliered synagogue of El Ferenje, near the Omayyad

As we walked through the narrow, muddy lanes of the old Jewish quarter in company with the Chief Rabbi, Mr Ibrahim Hamra, Jews of all ages greeted the two religious leaders, speak-ing always in Arabic, because Hebrew is used here only for prayers and religious readings. Nevertheless, the interview with Mr Torah was an occasionally fragile dialogue, enlivened only by his extraordinary bursts of humour.

Three Swizz government

Three Syrian government officials, two from the Ministry of Education and one from the Ministry of Information, were present throughout the conversation, and Mr Totah often

mitted 12 Jewish girls to emi-grate to America two years ago it was treated as a major con-cession by the government.

adopted a gentle, almost ellipti-cal pattern of speech which sometimes produced opaque answers to somewhat pointed

questions.

He said repeatedly that President Assad had done much for Syria's Jewish community an dthat his coreligionists had equal rights with all other citizens. "We are Syrian Arab citizens", he said. "We were born in Syria. I am very jealous about my Syrian nationality. We have all our rights. There used to be restrictions upon us until five years ago, but they have been lifted, thanks to President Assad.

"But we have one problem which is for us the problem of problems. We have between 100 and 150 girls between 20 and 25 years old. They want to get married, but unhappily the housing crisis here and the high cost of living has made mar-riage very difficult.

"As you know, young men need money to get married and our young men prefer girls of between 18 and 20. The only solution, which we think about day and night, is that the older girls should be able to travel around the crowded room, and

went there and were all mar-ried. That is why the girls who are 25 are always asking the authorities, and especially the President, to open the door for them so that they can find a better future.

"We hope your visit will be of help to us. I would like to thank the President for all he has done for us as a community, and for the whole country. We do not complain about anything except this problem. But are not evaluated until they have been completed, and we are demanding that these girls

be given a good future."

There was a silence in the schoolroom, which Mr Totah broke by bursting into laughter. He turned to the woman ministry official who was acting as interpreter and suddenly raised her hand to his lips. "Even I am unmarried," he said to her. "So perhaps this lady will marry me." laughter echoed Brittle

abroad to have a better chance of marriage.

"Some time ago, his Excellency the President gave his approval for 12 girls to leave for the United States. They wore a blue cardigan and jeans.

"She wants to go and get married."

The woman blushed and murmured: "I have an uncle in Canada." Had she asked to go and see him? "Yes," she said. Had she been given permission? She smiled and shook her head.

The Syrian government is well aware of the political implications of any request for Jewish emigration. Mr Ahmed Iskander Ahmed, the Syrian Minister of Information, in-sisted in an interview with The Times that all government restrictions on Jews-including the special religious denomina tion section for Jews on Syrian identity cards had been cancelled more than two years ago. It was true, he said, that there was a financial bond Jews had to pay to the government if they wanted to travel abroad, but every Syrian citizen

bond applies to me, too.

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FOREIGN REPORT

How prompt Reagan backing helps Korea's strongman

Next Wednesday Chun Doo Hwan, a 50-year-old former paratroon general, will be elecred President of South Korea. According to the revised constitution the President is chosen members of an electoral college. Voting for the college took place on February 11 and gave General Chun's party nearly 70 per cent of the seats. Six days after his election General Chun will be inaugu-rated President with pomp and rated Freshoent with point and circumstance in Seoul. Elections to the National Assembly will follow a few weeks later and the fifth republic—in General Chun's eyes the embodiment of a new era in South Korean history-will be well and truly launched.

These events are the final stages of a campaign to legitimize the general's Seizure of power after the assassination of President Park Chung Hee in October 1979. General Chun emerged as the new military strongman in an army putsch in December of that year and, as the recently appointed head of the Korean Central Intelli-

of, the Korean Central intelligence Agency, was the chief target of huge student demonstrations a few months later.

The country's tentative steps towards a more liberal form of government after years of dicastorship under President Park Satorship under President Park were abruptly halted on May 18, when martial law was extended and political leaders, among them Mr Kim Dae Jung, were arrested. A rebellion broke out in Cholla, Mr Kim's native province, and was brutally suppressed by the

From then on the generals controlled the country through a Special Committee for Security Measures. Reporting to this was a stand-ing committee under General Chun's chairmanship which initiated a massive "social purification" campaign.



political opponents, more than prison terms. In addition, 8,000 civil servants, employees of state industries journalists, university teachers and mem-bers of other professions were sacked on charges of corrup-tion and incompetence.

The axe fell on ministers and former ministers, members

tion was completed in late September and overwhelmingly purification campaign.

endorsed in a referendum on to embark on a seven-year term

In the drive to reeducate Cottober 22. New political par- as President with his supthe population and eliminate ties came into being to con- porters jubilent and his

tical group, the Democratic Justice Party, is unlikely to be seriously challenged in the

Mr Yoo Chi Song, president of the Democratic Korea Party, the largest of the opposition groups, told me that because of the threat from North Korea the country could not afford the kind of political confrontation that exists in the United

States and Europe.

There is much talk of Confucian ethics and constructive dialogue. To Western eyes the whole thing appears a travesty of a multi-party system.
Opposition is more likely to

come from the students, who are at present dormant but are not reconciled to General Chun, the bogeyman of their demon-

the bogeyman of their demon-strations last year.

Another potential source of trouble is labour, particularly if the Government fails to con-trol inflation and real wages continue to fall. Korean workers are young—three quarters of those in manufacturing are under 29—and heavily concen-trated in the five main towns of trated in the five main towns of Seoul. Pusan, Taegu, Taejon and Kwangju. One expert des-cribed them as "a time bomb". The churches have a notable

record of opposition to dictator-ship in South Korea. The Christian Broadcasting System, run by the Protestants, has been restricted to religious pro-grammes only and has had nearly all its previous revenue cut off by the banning of commercials.

Church leaders are keeping a church leaders are keeping a low profile but they continue to lasist that a concern for human rights goes hand in hand with preaching the Gospel. There are about \$,000,000 Christiaus in South Korea, between one quarter and one fifth of the population, and it is impossible for the Government to impost them. ment to ignore them.

Simon Scott Plummer

Legal aid to unassisted party

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Edmund Davies, Lord Scarman and Lord Bridge of

Law Report February 19 1981.

Lord Scarman and Lord Bridge of Harwich

The House of Lords, in two separate appeals by the Law Society gave guidance on the way in which the provisions of the Legal Aid Act, 1974, and regulations made thereunder relating to the power of the court to award the costs of successful unassisted parties out of the legal aid fund, should be construed.

should be construed.

Their Lordships held in the first appeal that the word "proceedings" in section 13(1) included an interlocutory appeal and that where that interlocutory appeal had been "linally decided" in favour of unassisted defendants, the court had jurisdiction to order that the defendants' costs should be paid out of the legal aid fund. In the second appeal they held that under section 13(3) a district registrar who first heard and order which was effective and operative nuless reversed on appeal was a "court of first instance"; where a party appealed from his decision to a judge in chambers, the judge safts an appealed from his decision to a judge in chambers, the judge safts an appeal secourt.

The House dismissed an appeal by the Law Society from the Court of Appeal (Lord Roskill and Lord Justice Ornrod). ([1980] 1 WLR 1318) which had ordered in lavour of defendant employers. D. J. Ryan & Sons Ltd. who had succeeded in an interlocutory appeal against a legally aided employers were entitled to have their coats in those proceedings borne by the legal aid fund, subject to the Law Society's right to object to the order.

Also dismissed was the Law Society's appeal from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Brandon) (The Times, March, 11, 1980) which had dismissed the society's appeal from Mr Justice Latey in chambers. He had ordered that the legal aid fund should pay the costs occasioned by the appeal of Mr Fred Toczek, of Princess Street, Manchester, assisted defendant to an action by Gayway Linings Ltd, from Mr Registrar Lockett at Manchester district registry, who ordered that his defence be struck out and judgment for 13,982, with interest and costs, be entered in favour of the unassisted party, the court of first instance, whether by that court of the legal aid fund of the whole or any part of the court of the court of the proceedings in the court of first instance, whether by that court of by any appellate court, unless—(a) the proceedings in the court

court, unless—(a) the proceedings in the court of first instance were instituted by the party receiving legal, aid; and (b) the court is satisfied that the unassisted party will suffer severe financial hardship unless the order is made."

Mr Duncan Matheson for the Law Society in both appeals; Mr Michael Kershaw, QC, and Mr Michael Rlack for Mr Megarity; Mr Giles Wingate-Saul for the defendant employers Ryan; Mr Rodney Scholes for Gayway.

LORD DIPLOCK, with whose speech Lord Simon, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Scarman and Lord Bridge concurred, said that the two appeals raised questions of great practical importance as to the power of courts exercizing appellate functions to order that the costs of a successful party who had not received legal aid ("the unassisted party") should be paid out of the legal aid fund.

When the orders for costs in the instant appeals were made, the Legal Aid (General) Regula-

the instant appeals were made, the Legal Aid (General) Regulations, 1971, and the Legal Aid (Costs of Successful Unassisted Parties) Regulations, 1964, were

(Costs of Successful Unassisted Parties) Regulations, 1964, were in force. Amended and consolidated regulations had come into force on January 1, 1981; but it was righily conceded by the Law Society that their Lordships' decisions in the instant cases would govern also orders for costs of successful unassisted parties made under the latest Legal Aid (General) Regulations, 1980.

The purpose of the first Legal Aid (General) Regulations, 1980.

The purpose of the first Legal Aid and Advice Act, 1949, for legal aid in civil cases was plain. It was that no one should be debarred by poverty from access to a court of law for the vindication of his legal rights.

Under that Act, if the assisted party were successful in civil proceedings brought by him as plaintiff, little or no burden fell on the national exchequer. The unassisted lover was responsible for his own costs and would ordinarily he ordered m pay to the legal aid fund the party and party costs of the assisted vinner. Similarly if the assisted vinner. Similarly if the assisted vinner. Similarly if the assisted party were successful as defendant, the like consequences would follow. Those financial consequences by assisted

Megarity and Others v Law plaintiffs or defendants were broadly the same whether success was finally achieved in a court of first instance or an appellate

Where the assisted party was unsuccessful, however, the financial consequences to the unassisted party and to the national exchequer were very different from what they would have been if the litigation had been conducted without legal ald. The successful unassisted party, whether defendant or plaintif, had to pay his own actual costs, he could not recover any part of them from the legal recover any part of them from the assisted party or from the legal aid fund; while the national exchequer, through the legal aid lund, paid all the costs of the unsuccessful assisted party, not only in the court of first instance but also in any appellate court to which the case went. So where the assisted party was ultimately unsuccessful the costs of the littgation throughout fell in part on the successful party and in part on public funds.

In most cases the assisted party would not have brought or de-

In most cases the assisted party would not have brought or defended civil proceedings or carried them to appeal if he had not been granted legal aid to do so under the legal aid scheme, and the unassisted party would have been spared the expense of legal costs in defending or asserting his own legal rights. The majority of civil cases, other than marrimonial causes, brought between 1949 and 1964 were claims for damages for personal injuries in traffic accidents and accidents at work. The defendants liability in such actions were normally covered by insurance. Since legal, aid could not be granted to a person to assert or dispute a dril claim at first instance or on appeal unless, the appropriate committee (composed of gractising lawyers) was satisfied that he had reasonable grounds for doing so. Parliament might well have thought that the number of such legally aided actions which failed at first instance would not be large, and since personal injury actions generally turned on questions of fact, that the number of appeals would be small. So where insurance companies met the costs of successful unassisted defendants, no great social injustice would be done by leaving that burden where it lay. Where, however, the successful unassisted party was himself of modest means and not protected.

where, nowever, the successful unassisted party was himself of modest means and not protected by insurance, his having to Incur the costs of resisting at unsuccessful claim or vindicating his own. legal rights might, and before 1964 often did, cause him: severe financial hardship, or even suin: So, too, the number of appeals to the Court of Appeal by unsuccessful assisted parties was considerable. A substantial proportion of them up to 1964 appeared to be devold of merit, and not only the legal aid fund, whose appropriate committee had authorized the appeal, but also the unassisted respondent, had been compelled to incur substantial additional legal costs to no purpose.

Those were the two mischiefs that the Legal Ald Act, 1964; was designed to mitigated the hardship to a successful upassisted the hardship to a successful upassisted

hardship to a successful upassisted party of modest means by enabling the court by which the order for costs was made to transfer to the tational exchequer through the legal aid fund the burden of costs incurred by him.

The Act, empowered, the court

incurred by him.

The Act empowered the court to do that if it were satisfied that the unassisted party would suffer severe financial hardship unless such an order were made.

The Act also dealt with the mischief of unjustified appeals. It drew a distinction between costs incurred by successful unassisted parties at first instance and costs incurred by them on appeal, regurdless of the unassisted party's means. The "philosophy," of the Act was to allow a legally aided party to civil proceedings only one unsuccessful bits at the legal cherry at the expense, in part.

and, in part, of the legal aid fund. If he was to be given a second bite in an appellate court and that was unsuccessful it was to be taken at the expense wholly of the legal aid fund if the appellate court considered it just and equitable to make an order for the payment of the successful unassisted person's costs out of the legal aid fund.

The drafting of the 1964 Act was highly elliptical. It took the first two sections only to deal with legal aid in England and Wales. They were reproduced in the self-same terms in sections 13 and 14 of the 1974 Act, the consolidation Act now in force.

In Megarity's case the appeal turned on the meaning of "those proceedings" where that expression first appeared in section 13(1): and the Gayway appeal turned on the meaning of those expressions was of an importance not confined to the instant appeals.

The "proceedings" to 'which

the legal and fund. That was done by section 13(3), which laid down different criteria when awarding costs to a successful unassisted party, depending on whether the costs were incurred in a court of the costs were incurred in a considered to the costs were incurred in a considered to the costs were incurred in a considered to the costs were incurred in an ameliate.

ings "simpliciter, the expression used in section 13(1), and "part only of those proceedings "(in section 14(5)): That subsection made it plain that "part" was not limited to cases where legal aid was received by the assisted party for part only of the period during which the proceedings were going on but telerred also to cases where legal aid had been limited to one issue out of several in a single action, as in Mills p Mills ([1963] P 329), or to a particular step in proceedings such as applying for an interlocutory injunction. That particular part of proceedings might be finally decided by an unappealed refusal of the injunction but the proceedings as a whole continued and might well be finally decided in favour of the party who failed to get the interlocutory injunction.

Jurisdiction to make an order under section 13(1) awarding costs out of the legal aid fund to an unassisted party did not arise until the "proceedings" were finally decided in favour of the unassisted party. Section 14(3) prevented that happening in a court of first instance until the time for appeal was past. So where there was an appeal to an appellate court, first or final. It was that consideration which led the House in Shiloh Spinners

appellate court, first or final.

It was that consideration which led the Bouse in Shiloh Spinners
Ltd v Hording (No 2) ([1973] 1

WLR 518) to hold that "the costs incurred by him in those proceedings" at the end of section 13(1) must have been intended by Parliament to include costs in the lower courts with which the appellate court had jurisdiction to deal in its own order for costs made on the appeal. Otherwise the manifest purpose of the Act would be thwarted.

His Lordship then considered

regulations could be made to determine the proceedings which were for were not to be treated as separate proceedings for the purposes of section 13. What were separate proceedings would determine which court it was that had finally decided the proceedings and as such had jurisdiction to make an order under section 13(1).

His Lordship did not think that

make an order inner section 13(1).

His Lordship did not think that section 14(1)(a) authorized the making of regulations splitting a single action into several parts, either in a court of first instance or in an appellanc court, and determining that each part should be treated as separate proceedings for the purpose of section 13. In cases where the assisted party received legal aid for part only of those proceedings, section 14(5) left the sole jurisdiction to make the modified order under section 13(1) for which it provided with the court that finally decided the whole proceedings in favour of the unassisted party and only if it did so decide them, whereas an order splitting the whole proceedings into several separate parts would transfer the sole jurisdiction to make the order to whichever court finally decided sole jurisdiction to make the order to whichever court finally decided a particular part in favour of the unassisted party, even though the proceedings as a whole were finally decided in favour of the assisted party and not of the unassisted party as section 13(1) required.

required:
Regulation 2 of the Legal Aid (Costs of Successful Unassisted Parties) Regulations, 1964, crigitally made under section 14(1)(a), and maintained by section 42(2) of the 1974 Act, provided: "Any proceedings in respect of which a separate civil aid certificate could properly be issued under the general regulations to a person receiving legal aid shall be treated as separate proceedings for the purposes of the Act."

"The relevant general regulation was 6(1)(b), which provided:
"(1) A certificate may be issued in respect of—(1) proceedings in a court of the first instance, or (ii) proceedings in an appellate court; but no certificate shall relate to proceedings (other than interiors story appeals) both in a copre of first instance and in an appellate court or to proceedings in more than one appellete court."

than one appellent court. That drew a distinction between three kinds of proceedings: those in a court of first instance, those in a first appellate court, and those in a second appellate court. While it was permissible to include interlocutory appeals to an appellate court in the same certificate as that issued in respect of first instance proceedings, the power to do so was permissive only and such interlocutory appeals might properly be the "abject of a separate certificate. So the regulations made under section 14(1) provided, as the Act compelled them to do, that all proceedings on appeal to an appellate court in any action, cause or matter were to be treated as separate proceedings from the proceedings in the same action in the court of first instance from which the appeal was brought.

Regulation 6(1) also drew the distinction between the whole proceedings and parts of proceedings might be made the whole proceedings and parts of proceedings might be made the wholes a single the whole proceedings are a single the whole a single the whole a single the whole proceedings are a single the whole and the whole a single the whole a single the whole a single the whole a single the whole and the whole are the whole ar Regulation of (1) also drew the distinction between the whole proceedings and pairs of proceedings; it imposed no legal limitation on what parts of proceedings might be made the subject of a separate civil aid certificate—though practical considerations would generally rule our dissection of each distinct procedural step in a civil action. Regulation 2 of the 1954 regulations spoke only of "proceedings and did not provide that a part of proceedings only in respect of which a civil aid certificate. Solicitors: Mr D. E. Edward Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of the proceedings only in respect of which a civil aid certificate. Solicitors: Mr D. E. Edward Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Mischen and Mr Jones in the Hot Mischen and Mr Jones in the contribution was assessed at mischen and Mr Jones in the Mischen and Mr Jones in the Mischen and Mischen and Mr Jones in the Mischen and Mr Jones in the Consequence of Mischen and Mr Jones in the Consequence of Mischen and Mischen and Mr Jones in the Consequence of Mischen and Mischell and Mischen and Mischen and Mischen and Mischen and Mischen a

ficate could properly be issued was to be treated as separate proceedings for the purpose of section 13: such separate status was restricted to proceedings treated as a whole. Any other construction of the regulations would lead to manifestly absurd results.

an unsuccessful interlocutory appeal to the Court of Appeal by an assisted plaintiff in an action for damages for personal injuries. The court in dismissing his appeal. which they regarded as devoid of merit, intimated their intension of making an order under section 13(1) for the payment out of the legal aid fund the employers' costs of the Court of Appeal proceedings.

The Law Society resisted the proposed order on the ground that the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction under section 13(1) or, it they had jurisdiction, they should in the exercise of their discretion refuse to make it.

The Court of Appeal took the view that, on the true construction of the Act in the light of its manifest purpose, an interlocatory appeal to the Court of Appeal constituted separate proceedings for the purposes of section 13. His Lordship agreed. That court had jurisdiction to make the order that it did.

Court of Appeal; they alone had jurisdiction to make an order for payment of those costs or any part of them out of the legal aid fund. His Lordship would

Merarchy of courts?

As the Master of the Rolls had pointed out, orders made by district registrars. like those of the Coeen's Bench masters and Family Division registrars ordering indstance to be entered for a party to an action, were orders the finally decided the action. The rook effect as soon as they see made; the only way of setting them aside was by what Order Struel of the Rules of the Supreme Court described as an "appeal" to a judge in chambers; and such appeal did not even operate as a stay of proceedings on the judgment unless the court otherwise directed.

So where a district registrar

ordered.

So where a district registrar ordered judgment in an action to the entered for an unassisted plate tiff and no appeal was brought from his order to the judge in chambers, the registrar became the first by which the proceedings were finally decided in favour of the unassisted party. He was the very court of first instance in those proceedings and the judge in proceedings and the judge in chambers who determined an appeal after his decision was action that only as an appellate court and non-fined with the thirty of the peal from his decision was action that only as an appellate court and non-fined with the thirty of the thirty of

otherwise.

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Costs order no benefit to assisted person

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Their Lordships were giving
judgment dismissing an appeal by
the debtor husband against the
dismissal by Mr Registrar
Wheaton of an application by the
debtor to set aside a bankruptcy
notice made by the Law Society.
The claim of 12-111 arose from an
order against the debtor to pay
half the costs of certain proceedings by his wife who was legally
aided. The debtor resisted payment on the basis that his wife
overl him \$2,111, as a result of
various assignments of her debts,
and thus be had a set-off.

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said that the object of the Legal Aid Act was simply to take over a person's legal proceedings, and for the state, through the legal and fund, to provide the money to pay solicitors, counsel and other expenses of litication of the assisted person. The state was paying that money off; clearly the state would want to get the benefit of any orders made on third parties to pay the costs incurred by the resisted person. Because those costs had not been incurred in fact by the assisted person, it was right that if enything was payable by third parties,

In re a Debter (No 5883 of 1979)

The Debter v Law Society

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That was supported by the Legal Ald (General) Regulations, 1971, regulation 18(2) of which provided: "... all moneys payable to an assisted person—ta) by virtue of any agreement or order made in connexion with the claim or action, cause or matter to which his certificate relates. shall be paid. to the solicitor of the assisted person or, if he is no longer represented by a solicitor, to the Law Society, and only the solicitor, or, as the case may be, the Law Society, shall be capable of giving a good disbe capable of giving a good dis-charge for moneys so payable."

That regulation made it clear that in order to give effect to section 8(1)(d), notwithstandin: section 8(1)(d), notwithstanding the order for payment of costs in favour of the assisted person, and as the money did not belong, to him but to the legal aid fund, it was to be paid not to him but to the solicitor or the Law Society. When the solicitor or the Law Society got the money they paid it into the legal aid fund pursuant to accilion 8(1)(d).

The assisted person could neither sue, nor give a 2000 receipt for

the money. The Law Society could bring proceedings in its own name and ignore the assisted person altogether. Accordingly, no set off could arise in any circumstances. of the pack on March 1.

Licensing jurisdiction

Regina v Birmingham Justices.
Ex parte Walker

Mr Justice Torbes, in the birsional Court, said that section 5 of the Liceasing Act, 1964, was not to be interpreted as gloing licensing justices a general licensing justices were recordingly right may be gravely licensing the private justices were recordingly right may be gravely like the private justices were recordingly right may be gravely like the private justices were recordingly right may be gravely like the private justices were recordingly right may be gravely like the private justices were recordingly right may be gravely like the private private for the paddy in the private Mr Justice Forbes, in the Dressional Court, said that section 8 of the Liceasing Act, 1964, was not to be interpreted as gloing liceasing justices a general jurisdiction to beer applications for the transfer of justices, onliceases which have expired by elfluxion of time. There was only jurisdiction if the liceasee from whom a transfer was sought was

whom a transfer was sought was incapable of carrying on business under the licence by reason of illness or infirmity within section

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More than two million people A British Rail van di have a Railcard, British Rail escaped yesterday when behalf announced yesterday. The Family Railcard, costing £19. becomes a permanent member level crossing at Rossini help miss of the pack on March 1. : near Doncaster.

Two million Railcards | Crossing escape

General Chu Doo Hwan in his army days.

of the National Assembly and officers of the KCIA. The mass media were drastically reorganmedia were drastically reorgan-tized by the forced amalgama-tion of broadcasting companies, newspapers and news agencies, Choi Kyu Hah, who as Presi-dent Park's last Prime Minister had succeeded to the presi-dency after his death, resigned in August.

General Chun retired from

General Chun retired from the Army a few days later and was elected President, unopposed, by the National Conference for Unification, the body designated for this task under President Practic Visiting under President Park's Yushin

A Bill to revise the constitu-

57,000 people were arrested college and the National and about 3,000 sentenced to Assembly, Having assured his supre-

> received the welcome accolade of an invitation to the United States from President Reagan. Before leaving for Washington at the end of last month he lifted martial law in preparation for the elections and com-muted to life imprisonment the death sentence passed on Mr Kim Dae Jung.

General Chun returned from his visit with pledges from the new Administration that American ground troops and aircraft would remain in South Korea and promises of help in strengthening his own forces, notably in the shape of F16-fighters.

fighters.
Such forthright and prompt support from his main ally has given his foreign policy a flying start and, with the death sentence on Mr Kim repealed, the general is now in a good position to mend fences with his country's other dominant partner. I apan. ner, Japan. General Chun is thus about

macy at home General Chun

Legislation curbs Finland's reckless drivers

Road deaths in Britain have crept slightly downwards in the past decade, while in Finland the rate has been halved.

Safety publicity has helped reduce road fatalities in both countries, but introduction of

strong laws on seat belts, speed limits and drunken driving are the main reason for Finland's dramatic achievement.

Active road safety campaigns and new legislation have led to a 50 per cent fall in road deaths in Finland. In 1972,

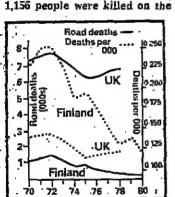


Chart shows big decline in Finnish road deaths between 1970 and 1980, both in absolute figures and in relation to the increasing population. In Britain and Finland; the number of vehicles on the road has risen steadily.

According to Mr Knut Aas, chief of the national Highway strictly limited. Any driver is say 70 mph in a 50 mph limit Patrol, the positive trend was a lisole to prosecution if his alarea, can cost hundreds of result of several factors. The single most important one was alcohol per milliliter of blood. is high. lower speed limits and the anavorouse in compulsory use of front seat more than 150 mg.

Other new road safety

Seat-belt use was made com-pulsory in 1975, but it has use of dipped headlights all been a non-punishable offence. day in rural areas during the safety Act; due to take effect when visibility is impaired by in November, refusal to wear darkness, fog or rain.

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Another main reason for improvement is that attitudes the beginning of this year, seat towards driving have changed belts have been compulsory on the back seats of new cars.

Speed limits were lowered in safety work is everyone's business.

1975 so that on most main ness. This is a slow but certain roads the limit is 50mph. On method to improve road safety,

roads. Last year the figure was down to 570, and the downward trend is expected to conward trend in the factor is intensi-Figns, who are well known

new legislation, especially on A prison sentence is almost lower speed limits and the unavoidable if the level is

According to the new Road dark winter months and always Safety Act, due to take effect when visibility is impaired by

These are absolute figures, from rally driving, had also folice have bought new and and the achievement is even gained notoriety as reckless efficient equipment, and every more impressive considering drivers. New speed limits initiation patrol car has a British-made that the volume of traffic inially caused much grumbling, alcoholmeter to test drunken Fines

Roads have improved too Special attention has been paid

to improving roads proved to be dangerous: Pedestrians and bicycle riders have separate roads in many areas. Mr Martti Maki, research director in Road Safety, a public organization, said the 1972 figures caused a national drive for something to be done. That led to a parliamentary commission being set up forcing dif-ferent authorities to be more

Olli Kivinen

Canada-US impasse over fishing treaty

An unratified fishing treaty is situation where one branch of staunchest opponent of ratifi-hampering the best efforts of government — namely, the the Canadian Government to United States Administration— accord has no chance of passing establish its relationship with the new Reagan Administration on the right footing.

The two governments signed the treaty nearly two years ago but it has since been tied up in the United States Senate foreign relations committee, which refuses to recommend ratification on the ground that Canada get the better of the deal. The accord divides up the fish catch in a disputed area off the east ceast of North America.

The impasse is by far the most serious and pressing of a wide range of issues complicating relations between the two North American neighbours. The others, for the most part, tend to fail into the categor; of perennials.

They include cross-border-pollution from coal-fired power lants in the United States : the free-trade pact on automobiles and parts, which Canada feels has conferred one-sided advantages on the United States auto industry, but cannot get the Americans to renegotiate; and Americans to reaccouste; and the Alaska natural gas pipeline across Canadian territory, which still faces regulatory and other delays in Washington, despite the agreement reached by the two governments more than two years ago.

Canadian officials have been the same time.

proposes, while an entirely different branch—the Senate disposes. Recently Mr Mark MacGuigan,

How this would work is not oute clear. But the very fact that Mr MacGuigan talked that way indicates the high level of frustration here over the thusfar-stillborn fishing agreement. Un either side of the border, the interests of only a few thousand fishermen are directly affected by the issue. The national interests of neither rountry are very deeply involved. Nevertheless the ratification delay is being treated as a leading problem in Canada, even if it is a small and inconsequential thing as far as most

Americans are concerned.

Several times the House of Commons in Ottawa has ritually adopted resolutions cailing on the United States Senate to endorse the treaty, but to no avail. For his part, Mr Mac-Guigan has rejected periodic hims emanating from Washing-

Canadian officials have been yet, at the same time. The court's decision will be immuttering for months about the futility of trying to cope with a Rhode Island, perhaps the eventually discovered on the

in its present form.
What happens, if the impasse continues is not clear. For the moment, all scems peaceful on the disputed fishing grounds, where fishermen from both countries operate, but that picture could change if it became Recently Mr Mark MacGuigan, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, even suggested that Canada would benceforth refrain from entering into treaty arrangements with the Americans until its gets a commitment that the Senate will approve.

moment, an sceam peacetral of the disputed fishing grounds, where fishermen from both countries operate, but that picture could change if it became evident that there is going to be no long-term agreement.

Mr MacGuigan was asked recently whether the Canadian Government would be prepared. Government would be prepared to bar American fishermen from Canadian raters should the

deadlock persist.

Well, we will certainly develop what we consider to be the appropriate scenarios in that case, he replied without elaborating.

The problem is to define what are Canadian waters and

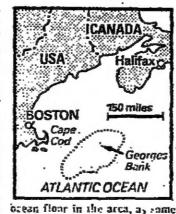
what are American in the dis-

puted area, which is known as Georges Bank, and lies south of Nova Scotia and east of Cape Cod. It is rich in fish resources, particularly scallops, cod, haddock and herring. Under the treaty, Canadian fishermen would get nearly three-quarters of the scallon harvest, while American fisher-

men would get most of the cod,

haddock and herring.

A separate treaty provides for delimitation of the disputed maritime boundary in the region to be referred to a panel of the International Court of Justice for binding arbitration. The court's decision will be im-



Corperts are predicting.
The two treaties, separate, have been coupled for purposes of Senate ratification and so far there has been no more to separate them to expedite passage of the boun-daries accord, which is less

controversial.
The new Administration in Washington is solidly behind the treaties, as was President Carter's Administration. Mr Alexander Haig, the Sucretary of State, has agreed to appoint special negotiator to try to get the contentious fishing ireaty through the Senate, and Secator Charles Percy of Illinois, new chairman of the oreign relations committee, is most encouraging", in Mr

MacGuigan's words. But it is doubtful if the New England fishing interests which oppose the treaty, and their representatives in Washington, will be very impressed. John Best

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to be given? Is it grants for specific purposes? Is it transfer to the Government of the social charges of the NCB? Will it be an increase in the cash limits which are so obviously insufficient now?

When can we expect legislation to enable the Government to art. 7 We will expedite any legislation that is required for the purpose.

that is required for the purpose.

When Mr. Gormley came out of talks last night be said there was a commitment on lower imports. What is the commitment and how will it be implemented?

There are still miners who say they are not going back to work. Will Mr. Howell spell it out more explicitly because he is far too general and the miners do not trust the Government. It must be spelt out or it is going to be extremely difficult.

On a day when gas prices are

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Mr Foot delighted but demands specific undertaking on cash support for mining industry

There were loud Labour cheers as Mr Foot congratulated Mrs Thatcher on a great victory for the miners and for the country. His hint of an invitation to dinner for the Prime Minister, however, received a negative response. received a negative response.

Questioning about developments Questioning about developments in the coal industry was opened by Mr John Watson (Skipton, C) who said: In view of developments in the coal industry (loud Labour cheers) in the past 24 hours, will the Prime Minister take time today (Labour shouts of "to resign")... to confirm that the least efficient 10 per cent of all British pits are currently losing money at £190m a year, and that, whatever may be the outcome of talks over the next few days, the most effective way of days, the most effective way of reducing costs and thereby of restoring the competitiveness of the British coal industry, lies in a planued and agreed schedule of pit

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): I understand those Finchley, C): I understand those figures are broadly correct Labour laughter). May I stress that it is the wish on this side, and I believe on the other, to have a competitive coal industry because that puts less burden on other parts of the economy and would enable many other industries, big users of electricity, which is based on coal, to have that electricity-more cheaply and thereby to keep more jobs in their own industries. own industries.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): I, more generously than Mr Watson, congratulate her (Labour cheers) on what, on present evidence, appears to be a great victory for the miners and the nation. Of course, we shall want an

explicit undertaking from the minister who was vague two days ago, but so far it looks a very good thing.

I assure Mrs Thatcher that every time she turns she will get a nice bouquet from me. I may even ask her to dinner. (Lood laughter). Who can tell? (Renewed laughter). Who can tell? (Renewed laughter). Is the Government thinking of the cause of the trouble? Mrs Thatcher: It is precisely

ter).

Is the Government thinking of including a specific undertaking to the miners of financial support in a new coal industry Bill? When will the Bill be introduced?

What figure will the Government agree on to enable undertakings made to be carried through? Mrs Thatcher: On the question of dinners, Mr Foot will not need reminding that it is on occasion a lady's prerogative to say "No". Labour MPs : Not to the miners. Mrs Thatcher: On the amount of money, I must stick to what Mr Howell said at the meeting yesterday. Two main points were raised. It would be wrong to put any gloss on that because matters will continue to be negotiated next weak

The minister said that he was prepared to discuss the financial constraints with an open mind and also with a view to movement. The Chairman of the National Coal Board, in the light of that, said that he would withdraw the closure proposals and would reexamine the position in consultation with the unious. I am not in a position to go further. Consultations and nego-tiations will continue with a meet-

ing next week. Mr Foot: I am eager to thank her on every available occasion. I thank her for rurning yester-lay's listening session into a talk-ing session. That was an improve-

Mrs Thatcher: It is precisely because there must be no breach of faith over what took place at the meeting that I am sticking to quoting the words that were heard, and were the subject of the action taken at that meeting. It would be most unwise to go any further.

Dr. David Owen (Plymonth

be most unwise to go any further.
Dr David Owen (Plymooth, Devonport, Lab), rising to Conservative cheers, said: Why did the Prime Minister ignore the repeated explanations during all stages of the coal industry Rill that this was a pir closure Roll? Who are the trimmers now? Is this slow motion conservatism, or the first note of the Limehouse blues? Mrs Thatcher: The action was swift and decisive. (Loud Labour A Labour MP: Was she pushed or did she fall?

Mr David Steel (Roxburgh, Sel-kirk and Peebles, L): In her pre-sent constructive mood will the Prime Minister turn her attention to lower interest rates? Mrs Thatcher: The House must realize that if more money is to be found the only place it can come from is the people of this country. It either has to come out to the taxpayer's pocket or it has to be borrowed and that would lead to higher interest rates.

When people constantly ask for more money, I hope this is something they will bear in mind.

State for Binergy, in a statement about the ourcome of yesterday's tripertite meeting of the Government and both sides of the coal industry, said he would be meeting the industry again next Wednesday. He welcomed the decision of the national executive of the National Union of Mineworkers today orging their members to work normally.

Mr Howell (Guildford, C) said that at yesterday's meeting he had said that the Government was prepared to discuss the financial constraints with an open mind and with a view to movement. The chairman of the National Coal Board (Sir Derek Esta) said that in the light of that the board would withdraw their closure proposals and reexamine the position in consultation with the unions.

Mr Merlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on energy (Leeds, South, Lab), said the outcome was Mr Meelyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on energy (Leeds, South, Lab), said the outcome was a victory for common sense over the political prejudices against nationalized industries following the foolish decision on the financial constraints in the Coal Act, 1980, about which Mr Howell had been warned.

His assumptions were wrong (he went on), were seen to be wrong, and have proved to be wrong.

spelt out or it is going to be extremely difficult.

On a day when gas prices are being jacked up by Government decision, the Government's overall energy pricing policy is now even more in tatters than before.

Overall the Government's industrial policy is unrecognizable compared with the one that they put to the electorate. The Government have not engaged in a U-turn. They are like a truck which has skidded. The Government's policy has jack-knifed.

Mr Howell: He speaks about the financial constraints of the Coal Industry Act which was passed through this House last year. It was always, recognized by both sides of the industry and by The Plan for Coal, that closures are necessary to reduce old and went on), were seen to be wrong, and have proved to be wrong, and following a period of ministerial and prime ministerial ineptitude in the handling of events in recent weeks they enabled the miners correctly to

declining capacity and to modernize new capacity.

On financial help and imports the words I used in the tripardite talks were explicitly set out to both sides of the industry. It was on the understanding of those words that the industry agreed to come back next Wednesday.

It was on the understanding of those words that the chairman of these words that the chairman of the NCB said the board would withdraw the closure proposals and reexamine the position in consultation with the unions.

I believe talks for a constructive future of this industry are far better than seeing this industry tear inself apart on the basis of misleading and distorted rumours.

Mr Terence, Higgins (Worthing, C): There is no future for miners or anyone else however hard they work if they are not producing goods at competitive prices. In that context, an increase in public subsidy and higher borrowing requirement, Ekely to cause higher interest rates and exchange rates, will have an adverse affect on the private sector.

Mr Hawell: I agree with what he base and He mentioned the burden

Competitive coal means competitive electricity

private sector.

Mr Howell: I agree with what he has said. He mentioned the burden on industries of uneconomic operations—and when it comes to finance we are talking about taxpayers' money—and that they place burdens on other industries. One of the problems on energy pricing that has to be, and is being, recognized in the coal industry is that the price of electricity, which is high because we live in an age of high cost energy,

is one of the things making additional problems for industry. Unless we can get competitive coal we cannot get competitive electricity.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab): The recent movement on British Steel, British Leyland and now British coal can only lead to one conclusion. The real movement is a movement away from the Government's economic policy on high interest rates and high exchange rates. Mir Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab): The miners are angry because they feel they are being punished for their success in increasing productivity. He should encourage other workers by rewarding them. This is a good time to start a shorter working week in the industry, or give miners the same holidays as school teachers, or early retirement like policemen. Mir Howell: He talks about punishment. The reality is that best Mr Howell: The most important thing is to see more jobs and more competitive products in this country. It applies to every indus-try and to our great energy indus-tries alike. Mr Eric Cockeram (Ludlow, C):

Mr Howell: He talks about punishment. The reality is that best reward for the nation and the industry and the miners is productivity. Britain needed a profitable and successful industry that could sell into overseas markets and compete with other fuels and produce and sustain investment and jobs for the future. Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C): Although coal enjoys a substantial price advantage over oil, there is an urgent need to stimulate coal sales. Can he disstimulate coal sales. Can he discuss with the Chancellor of the Exchequer to see what provisions can be made for those businesses which wish to install coal-burning Equipment? equipment?

Mr Howell: I recognize the validity of his point. Coal has a substantial economic advantage over oil and therefore it makes good economic sense, even as things stand, to tear out their oil-fired equipment and put in coalusing equipment.

a plan for accelerated closures which included, as Sir Derek Ezra pointed out yesterday, all the pits virtually exhausted. Their average age was 93 years old. If one accepts and realizes these figures, perhaps some of the language he used is not entirely appropriate. The Speaker (Mr George Thomas): I am sure Mr Cockeram would like to withdraw any sug-gestion that Sir Derek Esta is an IRA bomber (Laughter),

Linking pay of MPs with other occupations

The setting up of a select committee to consider among other things
the linking of the pay of MPs with
the pay of other occupations in
comparable walks of life was proposed in one of four motions
moved by Mr Francis Pym, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
and Leader of the House.

The first two motions provided
that the ordinary salary of every
MP in respect of service on and
after June 13, 1980, should be
regarded for pension purposes as
being £13,150 a year. Opposition
amendments which were considered suggested £13,750.

In the remaining motion, the

dered suggested £13,750. In the remaining motion, the Government proposed that the annual pension should remain at one-statisth of relevant terminal salary for each year of reckonable service and that facilities for purchasing added years should be expanded and improved. An Opposition amendment suggested increasing the accrual rate to one-fortieth. fortieth.

Mr Pym said that the House had last July accepted the Government's proposal that MPs' salaries should be increased by 9.6 per cent, which was less than that accommended by the Top Salary Review Board.

The House had amended the motion for pension purposes to

motion for pension purposes to £13,750 and voted for the establishment of a link between MPs' payand that of a specified grade in the public service. They had agreed

feel justified in pressing their own claims that much barder. The cost of voting for the higher rate suggested by the Opposition would be £1,250,000 in this finanto one-fortieth of final pensionable pay for each year of service.

That had raised considerable complexities because of the need to consider the implication for the rest of the public service. The Government remained strongly of the opinion that MPs' pensionable rays should be \$12.500 the actually and the considerable than the considerable that the considerable than the considerable than the considerable that the considerable than the considerable than the considerable than the considerable than the considerable that the would be £1,250,000 in this financial year and next and £666,666 per year thereafter.

The Government remained sceptical about linking MPs' pay to that of any outside group for a wariety of reasons, not least because it would detract from the responsibility of MPs to settle their pay directly in the light of prevailing circumstances.

Consultations by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, formar Leader of the

pay should be f13,150, the actual rate which would come into pay-ment on June 13. The Government was convinced that the same considerations of restraint applied to pensionable pay. It could not be treated as if it Consultations by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, former Leader of the House, had shown that many MPs supported linkage

The Government, therefore, proposed the appointment of a select committee to look at linkage on the basis of independent reviews at the start of every Parliament, coupled with the use of what had been described as a basker method of adjustment during the life of the rest of the Parliament. That fitted more naturally into MPs' lifestyle than reviews every feive years. Mr Charles Morris, an Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs (Manchester, Openshaw, Lab), moving the amendments, said he had been one of those MPs who had demanded that MPs' pay should be linked to the Civil Servented. ere a free-standing issue. The review body last Kuly had also made recommendations about four groups also within its remit: the chairmen and members of nationalized industry boards: the judiciary; higher civil servants and senior officers in the Armed

Forces.

If the House decided that its pensinable pay should be increased but that the other groups should be content with what they had got, these groups would have a sense of grievance and injustice.

If the House voted for a pensionable rate beyond £13,150, it would be voting for the same for the other groups.

If MPs insisted on increasing their pensions, many of the public would feel that MPs were creating a degree of special treatment for themselves and would be likely to

who had demanded that MPs' pay should be linked to the Civil Ser-vice grade of assistant secretary. The demand came from a feeling among many MPs that they wanted

The amendment to make the pension accrue rate one-fortieth instead of the present one-sixtieth reflected the political hazards and realities of parliamentary life.

The Government was saying out the accrual rate that while for pay purposes MPs could not be linked to a Civil Service grade, for pensional could be a coul to a Civil Service grade, for peu-sion purposes they could not be unlinked. Mr Edward du Cann (Taunton, C)

said he regretted that the Government was unwilling to accept the larger figure of £13,750. MPs should have the right pay and conditions to do their job. There was no reason for the public in general their to penalize their to expect them to penalize their families or themselves if they chose a career in the public ser-

Mr John Parker (Barking, Dagen-ham, Lab), father of the House and chairman of the members' pen-sion trust, said that it was 46 years since he had come to the Hose and MPs had not been well paid during MPs had not been well paid during that period.

MPs' swerage length of service when he came was 15 years and it was only 16 years now. There was 120m in the pension fund and apart from that being able to make a contribution, so could MPs.

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 121 votes to 44—Government majority, 77.

The Government motions were agreed to.

Mr Cockeram: I would willingly withdraw what you request. Investigation into fish

Her Eric Cockeram (Ludlow, C):
There was peace in this industry
until 10 days ago—until Sir Derek
Erra behaved like an IRA bomber
. (cries of "Withdraw"). It is
apparent that Sir Derek Erra has
achieved his objective by squeezing more money out of the British
taxpayer over and above the
£800m.

Mr Howell: The board forwarded

prices in shops Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minis-ter of State for Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food, said he regretted fishermen were still on strike. Those remaining in port were acting against the advice of their Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East.

Lab): Fishermen cannot make a living because of poor quayside prices and because of the flood of cheap imported fish. How is it that the consumer cannot discern any reduction in the price of fish in the

shops?

Mr Buchanan-Smith: In some areas there has been some reduction in the price of fish. The Secretary of State is asking three of his marketing advisers to look at fish marketing in this country. I look forward to whatever recommendations they to whatever recommendations they may make. Mr Lamond is dealing may make. Mr Lamond is dealing with a serious point. Mr Albert McQuarrie (East Abcrdeenshire, C): At what stage will the Government require to give more thought to a form of unilateral action if we cannot persuade our partners in Europe to come to a decision?

Mr Buchanan-Smith: Compared with 18 months ago the case of the

with 18 months ago the case of the United Kingdom for a properly renegotiated fisheries policy has received support from a wide range of governments within Europe.

Opposition condemns proposed rise in EEC farm prices

sion to increase the price of milk by 8 per cent was an affront to the British people and economic lunacy, Mr Gavin Strang, an Oppo-sition spokesman on agriculture, said during exchanges on milk production.

Mr Strang (Edinburgh, East, Lab) said: The cost of the EEC milk regime, now running at £2,400m per annum, is monstrous. The proposed Commission price increase this morning of a price increase this morning of an 8 per cent, two-stage, increase in the price of milk, is an affront.

He should fight to hold down the cost of the CAP to the British people and reduce this ridiculous price increase. Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculuture, Fisheries and Food, (Worcester, C): This Government has done better at holding down price increases than the previous Labour Government. Under that Covernment the average price increase was 7.5 per cent per annum, which is the price increase suggested in this proposal.

Therefore, all the Commission

Therefore, all the Commission proposes is to advocate price in-creases equal to the average the previous Government agreed. but Roger Moate (Faversham, C): Does he still wish to see expansion of United Kingdom dairy produc-

Wr Walker: Yes, but it has got to be based on improving our perfor-nance in manufactured products.

There is little scope for increasing our consumption of liquid milk because it is already far above the average of anywhere else in the world.

world.
It depends upon improving the manufactured and processing side.
I hope our efforts in marketing and the current benefit of positive MCAs are having some beneficial effect on that.

Answering a later question by Mr Roger Moate (Faversham, C), Mr Walker said he was continuing to press for action on prices and such other measures of reform of the CAP as were appropriate and negotiable. Mr Moate: The phrase "funda-mental reform" has been around

for many years and we have yet to see any results. Is the Government determined to see fundamental change in the CAP or the replacement of this particular CAP? Mr Walker: There have been sub-stantial reductions in what used to be referred to as mountains and lakes during this past year, and there has been a much better administration of the disposals policy. The new proposals on stop-ping the increase in milk surpluses is an important reform.

Mr Strang: In what year did the last Labour government agree to

last Labour government agree to an average price increase of 7.5 per-cent? I think his earlier reply on EEC prices might have been some positive MCAs. They have done it what misleading.

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payer of the proposed price package an insult to Mrs Thatcher? Or has she decided the British taxpayer will make a contribution to the French President's election

the French President's election campaign?

Mr Walker: I should be delighted to table in an official reply a list the price increases agreed to by the Labour government. I trust he would not find it too embarrassing. In the last three years average price increases have been 2.7 per cent per year. This is way below the input cost and way below the rate of inflation of any country in Europe.

Mr Anthony Mariow (Northamp-Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C): His friends on the

continent are providing hefty sub-sidies to their agriculture both in France and Germany through in-terest reduced loans and other sub-

Army range charges raised | Mr Callaghan warns MPs about foolish

Would be consider at once revaling the green pound by the full amount and simultaneously give the same subsidy to our farmers? Mr Walker: I totally reject his suggestion. As farm incomes have reduced by 24 per cent in real terms during this last year, Mr Marlow's suggestion would mean a massive reduction in farm incomes in this country.

He should study carefully why it is that countries like Germany have always struggled to maintain their positive McAs. They have done it

when they are not required for Service purposes.

To do so the clubs must be affiliated to the National Small-Bore Rifle Association, consist of at least 10 members, and be approved by the Home Office on application by the NSRA.

The new charges represented less than the full cost of providing these facilities but would recover a fair proportion of the costs, given the long standing relationship between the Services, the NSRA and in the Services, the NSRA and

MPs could make fools of them-

MPs could make fools of them-selves if they turned down a re-quest from the Federal Parliament over Canada's constitution, Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-last, Lab) said during questions on the forthcoming Commons

business.

He asked Mr Francis Pym, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of House; Will he give an undertaking that there will be no departure from the precedent that a request from the Federal Parliament of Canada will be met in full by the Government with a favourable recommendation to the House. (Conservative cries of "No".) Mr Pym (Cambridgeshire, C): I do not think it would be appropriate for me to respond to that question except to remind Mr Callaghan that the Prime Minister has on a number of occasions answered points on this issue and clearly I

have no option in this House.

(Conservative 'cheers.)

Sir Bernard Braine (South-East Essex, C): In view of the surpris-ing suggestion from Mr Callaghan, it would be gravely to misjudge the mood of the House if we are to be asked to approve and rubber stamp such a request. (Conservative

moves on Canadian constitution

cheers.) it would be totally unprecedent-ed without the full consent of not only the Federal Government but the provincial governments of

There is strong feeling that this would not be tolerated in this sovereign Parliament. (Cheers.) Mr Pym: The House is seized of the fact that were a request to be made by the Parliament in Ottawa we would tace a situation of the utmost importance and possibly of difficulty, and we shall have to act—as 1. am sure we shall—in a highly responsible way. It is not a matter to be pursued at present because it is still an open issue before the Canadian Parliament. Mr Call-ghan: Is it not important. There is strong feeling that this

considered statement on this mat-ter? All I have asked for, and Mr Pym did not give a clear reply, is that the Government should act in accordance with convention. Of course, it is the case that the House must consider what is put before it and the House can make fools of themselves if they like and turn it down.

It would be in accordance with convention that the Government should place this legislation in front of the House, if they receive front of the House, it they receive such a request, together with favourable backing to the House that it should be passed.

Mr Pym: The essential convention to which he referred is a request from the Federal Parliament of Ottawa. That request has not yet been received. It cannot be said with certainty it will be received. I do not think a statement would be appropriate nor would it be

I do not think a statement would be appropriate nor would it be welcome in the eyes of the Federal Government in Canada. We have to wait until their proceedings are concluded. If they send us a request we shall have to deal with it.

PM attacks council's closed shop policy

he renorted activities of Bradford council in saying that only people the had joined unions would be ensidered for promotion were disraceful. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said at questions.

on time.

The matter had been raised by ir Marcus Fox (Shipley, C) who lid: I know Mrs Thatcher is as oncerned as any on this side at the recent dismissal of Miss Joanna. arris by the Sandwell Council.
This is only the tip of the iceerg. In that a number of my
onstituents placed in the same osition have received instructions om the Libour-controlled Brad-rid Metropoliten Council that ely trade unionists will be transerred in their jobs or promoted. Irs Thatcher said the reported trivines were repugnant and dis-

The vast majority of people in the trade nions (she said) are against the osed shop.

I have not looked at the particlar agreement of the Bradford ouncil. It is possible they might e in breach of the Employment ct. If so, I hope action will be

The Green Paper on trade union nmunities makes further legisla-ve proposals with regard to the osed shop. I hope people who are particular examples or strong elings on this will contact the excetary of State for Employment

Compensation for burst mains sumers paid more for water? It a burst water main and receive was not the right answer. proper compensation while a Mr Wyn Roberts Under Secretary, neighbour, also through no fault of

When the Water Bill was considered on report a Government new clause was agreed which raises from £60 to £300 the maximum contribution that may be required of a house owner towards the cost of installing a healthy supply of water.

Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary for the Environment (Pudsey, C), said the increase was in line with inflation since the figure was raised to £60 in 1961. It was needed if local authorities were not to be discouraged on financial grounds from discharging an important public health duty. Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernaryon, Pl

Cymru) moved a new clause which would enable the Welsh Water Authority to make an extra charge on water that was taken from Wales for use outside Wales. Wales for use outside Wales.

He said the new clause was put forward in the absence of equalization, abandoned by the Government, and of a standard charge for water throughout England and Wales. There was a disparity of about 30 per cent in the payment that water ratepayers had to make in Wales.

in Wales.

Mr Dennis Howell, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab), said that the basis for the sale of water in bulk between regions was one of "no profit, no loss".

The equalization policy of the Labour Government had been introduced to deal with the difference in price for water in Wales. The present Government had ended it. The Government had said it would deal with it by other means. means.

If the method suggested by Mr
Wigley were used in Wales, why
not in other regions where con-

Mr Wyn Roberts Under Secretary, Welsh Office (Conway, C) said that the clause was not necessary and schemes could be drawn up for charges. So far there was no proposal for

So far there was no proposal for fundamentally changing the basis on which the Welsh Water Authority charged other authorities for Welsh water but clearly there would have to be changes. The introduction of current cost accounting required a reexamination of the methods by which charges were calculated.

He understood that the question of charging for Welsh water was under examination by the Welsh authority which had asked its management team to produce a

management team to produce a scheme. scheme.
It would be wrong for him to indicate a Government view on the appropriate level of charge from 1981-82 onwards. The authorities might come to agreements satisfac-tory to both parties. Only if there was disagreement would the Gov-ernment become involved. The amendment was withdrawn.

The amendment was withdrawn.

A new clause to provide that where people through no fault of their own suffered damage to their property from burst water mains or collapsing or overflowing sewers they did not have to prove negligence on the part of the water undertaking to receive compensation was moved by Mr Edward Graham, an Opposition spokesman on the environment.

Mr Graham (Enfield, Edmonton, Lab) said it was to deal with the situation where innocent people faced the almost impossible task of having to prove negligence.

A situation could arise where an occupier could suffer loss through

his own, could suffer from an over-flowing or collapsing sewer and get no compensation.

Mr Shaw said the Government would table in the Lords an amendment dealing with damage from burst water mains. There would have to be further consideration before all the problems could be tackled and be was willing to have discussions on this.

The new clause was withdrawn. Mr Glies Shaw, Under Secretary for the Environment, moving the third reading of the Bill, said it was essentially concerned with increasing the borrowing power of the British Waterways Board. It also find up extrain a complication also fied up certain anomalies in relation to water supplies for fire fighting and amended the law relating to the provision of separate water service pipes. Mr Dennis Howell, an Opposition

spokesman on the environment (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab) said the Opposition remained extremely concerned about the affairs of the British Waterways Board and the country's canal sysnem.

The Bill's borrowing provisions were not adequate to allow the board to maintain the country's canal system. The board's finances were in an extremely serious state.

Mr. Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) said that water charges represented the most bla-tant form of taxation without representation since the days of the feudal dukes. The domestic water rate was the most hated aspect of the whole of the hated arring system

Former MPs in difficult circumstances

The Government was making 2m svallable in grants to help MPs sho left the House of Commons before October, 1964, Mr Francis Pym, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Leader of the House, said when moving the second reading of the House of Commons Members' Fund and Parliamentary Pensions Bill.

Mr Pom (Cambridgeships C) said Mr Pym (Cambridgeshire, C) said these former MPs had not had an opportunity to contribute to a pen-sion scheme or benefit from one. Many were getting on in years and some found themselves in difficult

The Bill set the level of the new grant at £1,000 a year to pre-1965 MPs and £500 to widows and dependent widowers. The Government would be increasing its present contribution by £200,000 in each of the next 10 years and would be making in all £2m available to easier the next 1055 MPs. able to assist the pre-1965 MPs This seemed to be a generous pro The Bill was read a second time and passed its remaining stages.

Steel statement Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, sai dat question time that she hoped there would be a state-ment next week on the MacGregor plan for the future of the steel

Parliamentary notices House of Commons The Bill was read the third time.

MPs vote today on move to end shops anomaly By Ian Bradley Members of Parliament today

have a chance to rectify the anomaly whereby pornographic magazines can be bought on Sundays but Bibles cannot. The Shops Bill, which comes up for second reading in the up for second feading in the House of Commons today, would permit Sunday and late night opening of shops. At present only a restricted range of goods are allowed to be sold after 8 pm and on Sundays. They include perishable foods and periodicals, but not canned foods or books.

foods or books.

The Bill, which was presented by Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West, has been the subject of intensive lobbying. The strongest support for the measure has come from Dickie
Dirts, a clothing retailer with
two shops in London, which
contravenes the law by being
open for 14 hours every day of
the week.

Strong opposition has come from the Union of Shop, Dis-tributive and Allied Workers, who fear that it could lead to their members working unsocial

Mr Powell's views 'will encourage thugs'

We have a duty to consider what the Government should make a

By Our Parliamentary Staff Mr Enoch Powell was accused yesterday of expressing views that would encourage wife-batterers, rapists and thugs who attacked black people.

Miss Jo Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, was referring in the Nationality Bill standing committee to Mr Powell's argument that the ultimate test of nationality was fighting for one's country. He has moved an amendment to delete the proamendment to delete the provision allowing nationality to be passed through the female line.

Mr Powell, Official Unionist MP for Down, South, maintained on Tuesday that one of the essential differences of function between the sexes was that one was specialized to bear arms and the other to the preservation and care of life. Nationality had hitherto been transmitted by men because the "primary allegiance" was expressed through the male.

Miss Richardson said she wondered how Mr Powell could wondered how Mr Powell could

member. The tone of his remarks were from the days of the caveman, Miss Richardson commented.

"His words will give encouragement to young thugs who attack black people. His attitude will encourage young people, black or white, who feel that violence should be part of our culture."

Opposing the amendment, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State, Home Office, said the notion of allegiance and commitment could not be the sole and overriding ingredient in establishing a pattern of citizenship for modern times. Fighting had changed a lot, even since 1945. At the heart of the old-style battle was brute force. Today the finger on the trigger or button could be male

or female. Mr Powell, replying to the debate, said that even in the last 36 years nations had defended their soil by conventional war. bear to sit on a committee chaired by a woman [Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP

His amendment was defeated by 19 votes to 2. His only supporter was Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Bromley, Orpington.

Labour motion in textiles

be main business in the House of ommons will he: onday: Energy Conservation Bill, cond reading.
sesday: Social Security Bill, sesday: Social Security Bill, cond reading. ednesday: Gas Levy Bill, remaing stages. Opposed Private Bill: eater London Council (General Dwers) (Nn 2) Bill, report. tursday: Debates on Opposition edions on crisis in textile, cloning and footwear industries and the deteriorating economic and iployment situation in the South if Southwest. iday: Private members' Bills: Drivate Betting Levy Bill and relooment of Tourism (Scotnd) Bill, second readings. The main business in the House Lords will be: Lords will be: onday: Debate on forestry. penay: Depate on lorestry.
resday: Iron and Steel (Borrowg Powers) Bill, second readingatrimonial Homes (Family Proction) (Scotland) Bill, second ading. Debate on need for royal muission on problems of Hong-

ednesday: Debates on need to rengthen country's air defences of on implications of decision to quire Trident missile system. arriege Enabling Bill, second nursday: Redundancy Fund Bill. cond reading. Companies Bill, cend reading. Debate on effect energy prices on industry.

Bulls were dangerous creatures and had led to the death or serious injury of people peacefully using the countryside, Lord Avebury (L) said during the resumed committee stage of the Wildlife and Country-side Bill.

He moved an amendment to make the Bill's prohibition on keeping bulls on land crossed by a footpath or bridleway apply to all bulls.

The Bill exempts non-dalry breed bulls in fields where there are cows or helfers. It also exempts bulls under 10 months

Lord Avebury said they were talking about an extreme hazard which faced anyone who had the territy to walk through a field where a built was bing kept by the farmer. The consensus of informed opinion was the att built should be treated as that all bulis should be treated as potentially dangerous in all circumstances.

A large number of people, in-cluding ramblers and farm workers, had been killed, injured and seriously threatened by bulls.
It would be preferable to replace the current mixture of byelaws with a single enactment which applied all over the country, but only if that applied to all bulls in fields with public paths. Bulls and walkers should be kept apart in all circumstances.

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard (C) said farm workers had not been killed by bulls in the open but by dairy bulls in their pen, a dif-ferent matter.

He had once owned a bull which went to investigate a biker's tent, became entagled in the guy-ropes and got a frying-pan attached to its horns. This was extremely annoving for the cows because whenever the bull tried to get near them they heard the frying-pan banging.

It was also annoying for him in trying to get the cows served. In the end the bull had to be shot. He could not support the amendment. Lord Underhill (Lab) said they were not talking about walkers who understood animals. He did not understand them, but he enjoyed walking in the country-side.

There were millions of people.

There were millions of people There were millions of people who wished to walk in the country-side with their children. An assurance from a minister that a bull was safe would not make those people believe it was safe. The House was dealing with people's apprehensions and had to take notice of them. notice of them.

There were veterinary surgeons who would agree with the amend-Lord Milverton (C) said those in farming agreed that it was necess-ary to treat all bulls with care.

Lady Efficient of Harwood (C) said that to make all this fuss about going through a field where there were beef bulls was too silly for words. She was a practical farmer, and these bulls were much quieter than cows. Nobody with a bull considered dangerous would put it where there were people. Lord Collison- (Lab) said he had personal experience of the dauger, having worked on the land. For some reason, bulls could suddenly go berserk. The agricultural workers' mion was in favour of the amendment.

the amendment.

Lord Melchett (Lab), for the Opposition, said any bull was likely to be dangerous and should never be trusted. The Bill ignored the rights of the elderly, young children and the disabled who coult run for cover. The Earl of Avon, Lord in Waiting, said the situation in England and Wales was regarded as unsatisfactory by all major interested parties. Arrangements for bulls were different in different parts of the courty.

the country. Four previous attempts to legislate in the last \$2 years had all been unsuccessful. The aim was to strike a balance between the interests of farmers and pathhibhb /lusers. The Bill did this. It accorded with the practice in Scotland over the last 10 years.

Balancing the interests of ramblers and bulls pened to farmers or farmworkers and not in open fields. There was a duty on employers and workers not to put at risk the health and safety of the public.

He was a Londoner and, being nervous, had always made sure in fields that he could get to a fence before whatever was in the field could get to him. (Laughter.) His father had had some very nice bulls. His father used to stroke them but he (Lord Avon) The amendment was rejected by 82 votes to 37—Government majority, 45-82

The committee stage was con-cluded. The Deep Sea Mining (Temporary Provisions) Bill completed its House adjourned, 10.16 pm.

Mr Keith Best (Anglesey, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what would be the loss of annual revenue if confectionery were to be zero-rated for value-added tax pur-Mr Peter Rees, Minister of State.

Treasury, in a written reply, said: About £250m in a full year.

VAT on sweets

Bill 'a paradise for shady traders' The Government-sponsored National Consumer Council yesterday described the Companies Bill as "a paradise for shedy traders". The Bill, which comes up for reacting in the Lords

second reading in the Lords on February 26, would make it much easier for unscrupulous traders to conceal their true identity from consumers, trad-ing standards officers, and the press, the council said.
It would abolish the Registry of Business Names, under which all traders except those using their own names are obliged to

cases, on business correspon- have personal assets that credidence and inside premises.

Mr Jeremy Mitchell, the council's director, said that it had sent ministers suggestions for strengthening the Bill, but added: "Nevertheless, we have told the Government that even if our suggestions are acted on, the new system for enabling tive and there will still be gaps.
"We would much prefer the Government to retain the

for Plymouth, Drake] and which had another woman MP as a

Registry of Business Names in a new, revitalized and selffinancing form. register with the Central Business Names Registry. In its place the Government is proposing a requirement that businesses make information available on request in some financing form.

The council claims that the cil claims, such info ceased trading because it could has done thing "j' owners, even though they may ness". sumers where a business has available on

tors might be entitled to claim. Under the Business Names Act, 1916, which would be repealed by the Bill, most traders must state their full names. addresses and other business The council is also critical of the time limitations imposed on people to trace owners of a Bill. It suggests their remore business will not be fully effect and a statutory right of in tion of premises for those a grievance.
A trading standard or journalist would right to task for

owners under the cil claims, beca



Cricket Correspondent Port of Spain, Feb 19

"Don't blame the batsmen, praise the bowlers", Ian Botham, the England captain, said after West Indies had won the first Test

match here yesterday by an inn-ings and 79 runs. All right, the

West Indian bowling was immensely formidable I have never seen it more consistently

good-but, like it or not, it met

little resistance.
Tomorrow the England party

leaves for Guyana, having lost by an overwhelming margin a match

which even so early in the tour they seemed to have a chance of

they seemed to have a chance of winning. West Indies beat them in spire of losing the equivalent of a full day's play, and at Georgetown, Bridgetown, Amigua and Kingston, where the remaining tests are to be played, Holding, Roberts, Croft and Garner may well find faster pitches.

There were times here, as these four kept hammering away, when one doubted whether even the vastly more gifted England batting sides of the fiftles and sixtles.

on other have been able to manage in the West Indies would. I believe, have been beyond all but a few great stroke players such as Compton, Graveney, Dexter and May—and then only on a good

Rumblings at Wigan as manager is dismissed again

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

lan McNeill yesterday became the thirteenth manager to be dis-missed in the Football League this season, but not without protest from some members of the Wigan Athletic board who said he had not been given a fair chance. It was the second time he had been

sacked by the club.

Mr McNeill, who belped Wigan achieve league status in 1978, has been offered the position of general manager. He intends giving the board his decision to the news indicated that he had already made up his mind. Two directors took his side by resigning, but the chairman, Freddie Pye, expressed dissatisfaction with the team's position.

Mr Pre said he had been upset sacked by the club.

Mr Pye said he had been upset when seeing eight coachleads of disappointed Wigan supporters leaving Port Vale after last Saturday's 3—0 defeat. He suid of Mr McNeill: "I accept that he has been successful in the past but I am interested in the past but I am interested in the present". Claiming that a victory on Saturday would have placed Wigan in the top seven of the fourth division instead of midtable, Mr McNeill said that, he did not think he had been unsuccessful although obviously some people thought differently. Although he was sacked by the club in 1971 when the team were in the Northern Premier League, he was reengaged five years later. Mr Pye said he had been upset the Northern Fremier League, he was reengaged five years later.
Mr McNeill said that under his control Wigan had achieved "five pretty good seasons" in which they made a "handsome profit".
Apparently in agreement with that claim, the vice-chairman, Graham

Gorner, who was in charge of the club's financial affairs, re-signed before Wednesday's special board meeting. He said he did not attend because he disagreed with "what was to be done."

"what was to be done."

Brian Connolly, another director, resigned after the meeting. He said: "A manager does not turn from being a good one to a bad one overnight. I don't believe we are giving Mr McNeill a chance."

Fred Eyre, a coach, has taken managerial courrol on a temporary basis.

Ten days ago the league club charman made a "gentlemen's agreement" that in future they would not "poach" each other's managers during the season. Although there is no evidence that in this particular case any other manager has been approached, it may suggest that clubs will find it difficult so break away from it difficult to break away from the traditional method of showing supporters that the board are re-acting to any lack of success.

The persistent chronicle of Crystal Palace and Wimbledon's affairs was extended yesterday when Ron Noades, now managing director of Palace, said he was willing to give the Wimbledon willing to give the Wimbledon board a proxy to vote his one-third control "whichever way they wish ". This might mean that he could avoid coming into conflict with the Lesgue who, at the chairmen's meeting, proposed that officials of one club should not be involved in another, except with the consent of the management committee.

The other managers to lose their jobs this season have been (the Press Association reports): August: Bill McGarry, Newcastle United; September: Alan Dicks,



McNeill, the 13th managerial victim of the season.

Bristol City, Martin Harvey, Carlisle, Jimmy Adamson, Leeds United, John King, Tranmere Rovers; October: Malcolm Allison, Manchester City, Tommy Docherty, Queen's Park Rangers, Bobby Campbell, Pulham, Bobby Smith, Swindon Town; December: Ball Asprey, Oxford United; January: Malcolm Allison, Crystal Palace, Tom McAnearney, Aldershot.

Chairman resigns: The Leather-head chairman, John Hewlett, has resigned because of ill health. Mi-Hewlett, who has been connected with Leatherhead for more than 30 years, will probably become the Isthmian League club's joint president at its annual general meeting. The vice-thairman, Tommy Dixon, is set to take over from Mr Hewlett, who is also chairman of the Surrey FAA.

for recall by Palace

probably return against Everton the following week.

Fry retains his place in goal, but Murphy is ruled out with an ankle injury that threatens his place in the Republic of Ireland team to play Wales in Dublin on Tuesday. "We will make a decision tomorrow whether he pulls out of the Irish team", Mr Gradl sald.

our or the irish team", Mr Gradl said.

Murphy is replaced in midfield by Banfield, substitute in the team beaten 3—0 by Coventry on Tuesday—the third successive defeat since Mr Gradi took charge at Selburst Park. Walsh is also omitted with Sealy returning to the attack. "Sealy told me I was wrong to leave him out of the Coventry game and he was right. I made a mistake." Mr Gradi said. Dare, a 20-year-old full back who made his first senior appearance on Tuesday might, retains his place with Leaby substitute. Cannon, Gilbert and Lovell are still under suspension: Gerry Francis has been ordered to rest by a specialist.

squad next week, joined Mortimer, his captain, Swain, a fellow defender, on the sick list and was sent home by the manager, Ron Saunders. Mortimer, who has played in every game, this season, reported for training yesterday but was ordered back home to

rest. Ritchie, at £500,000 Brighton's most expensive signing has damaged knee ligaments and may miss the visit of Liverpool. With Foster under treatment for a

strength.
Their captain, Horton, is suspended and McNeb was bonned for one match by the FA yester-

did not coincide with the English

Leeds player suspended for total of nine games

The young Leeds United player for young Leeds United player has been a disaster for me", after the FA suspended him from football until April. He was given a two-match ban yesterday by a disciplinary commission for passing 40 points, but first has to serve a four-match suspension imposed last week for reaching 30 points. In addition, he has already served three automatic one-match bans for being sent off three bans for being sent off three times. His total of nine games' suspension this season is believed to be a record under the FAs restructured points system,
"I accept full responsibility for
what has happened. I have deserved all I have got because it
has been my own fault." Hamson
said. He has played in the first
team nine times this season, with

team nine times this season, with five games as substitute. He was injured at Norwich in the first game of the season and subsequently cut his head in training and needed 12 stitches.

Neil McNab, the Brighton and Hove Albion midfield player, received a one-match ban for reaching 20 disciplinary points—his third suspension this season arising from his sending-off against Norwich City last September.

McNab was sent off for pushing the referee. That brought him an automatic one-match ban and an appearance before the FA, where

Southend United, the fourth division leaders, will be without Days Cusack, a defender, for the next two matches after he had accumulated 20 disciplinary points. Terry Curran, of Sheffield Wednesday, who has already served a four-match ban this season, collected aporter was a manufactured. lected another two-game suspension for reaching 30 points. Maradona on loan Boca Junoirs, maradona on loan Roca junors, modifying their tentative S9m agreement to buy Diego Maradona, will merely borrow him from Argentina Julors until July next year for a smaller, undisclosed sum, the two clubs announced yesterday. No reason was given why the week-old agreement to transfer the player outright had been changed.

Yesterday's results ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First divis

Wembley I. Metropolitan Police S.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Westminster C.
Hallacybury C.
RUGBY UNION: British Colleges
Cup: Semi-final round: Berough Road
16, Crewn & Aleager 10; Medeley C.
Jordan Rill J. Other match: Newart
16. Derby 14.

on Vilas in time

for Davis Cup tie

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb.
19.—Goillermo Vilas ended an 11month-old dispute with the Argentine Tennis Association today and
agreed to return to Davis Cup
competition, starting with nextmonth's first-round tie against
West Germany.

The tennis association, in turn,
lifted its suspension against the
country's top player and thus
assured the participation of the
second-ranked Argentine Jose Luis
cliert, who had promised to boycott the Davis Cup in support of
Vilas.

Vilas was suspended last March
after publicly criticizing the asso-

Vilas was suspended last March after publicly criticizing the association during a dispute over payment for Davis Cup matches. The affair ended bitterly when Vilas and Clerc lost the semi-final round series to Czechoslovakia that month. Roberto Fernandez, the association president, would not disclose the financial terms of the agreement with Vilas. "Gullermo agreed to play for Argentina, and that's the important thing", he said.

Vilas commented: "All human beings can make mistakes. It's all over now and I understand everything has been overcome." He and Tierc will join Ricardo Caho, Eduardo Bengoechea and Gustavo Guerrero in the team to meet West-Germany in Munich on March 6, 7 and 8 in the first round.

round.

Vilus is ranked fourth in the world by the Association of Teanis Professionals and Clerc has consistently been rated in the top 15.—AP.

If Assenting are strengthened,

by a specialist.

Gary Williams became the third was brough in mid-week because of a foot and knee injury. Thissen is on World Cup duty with the picked for the England under-21 Netherlands on Sunday.

Norwich City last September.

McNab was sent off for pushing the referee. That brought him an automatic one-match ban and an appearance before the FA, where the for the England under-21 Netherlands on Sunday.

Scots a step nearer English

Exeter a match for the best although Mr Burking.

The 1981-82 Scottish football league fixtures on dates which Kooyong termis stadium and is racing against time to recover.

If McNamee is unable to play If McNamee is unable to play Australia's hopes will recede. If fit, McNamee will definitely partner Peter McNamara in the doubles and he is also likely to fill one of the singles berths. Otherwise, either Kim Warwick, the Australian Open runner-up, or Rod Frawley is likely to find himself in the team.

McNamee feels he is extremely doubtful but in the knowledge

Unfortunately for England, or anyone else who plays them, the West Indian pace quartet is getting, if anything, better. When first they played together, at Erisbane in December 1979. Australia in their second innings scored 448 for six declared. It took them a very long time, it is true, and it was a perfect battling true, and it was a perfect batting pitch, but they did it. New Zealand too, a year ago, made 460 in Christchurch against these same four bowlers. Even England themselves scored 391 for seven at Old Trafford last summer and 370 at The Oreal

individual weaknesses of the English batsmen, Holding and the rest seem to be growing in stature.
There have been other Test sides to have contained four bowlers each with 100 Test wickets, but never all of the same flerce pace as Lloyd's are now. This is a new dimension. By the end of the series we shall be thankful for a break from watching one after the other of them pounding away for hour after interminable hour—but not half as thankful as England's

Match fades into oblivion

Bombardment has only just begun

Napier. Feb 19—A surprise showed no sign of offering any appeal against had light 40 minutes before the close of play ended the three-day match between the Indians began the day at 12 for no wicket and the opening Indians and Central Districts partnership between Chauhan and which petered out in a draw today Srimivasan was worth 144 in 170 minutes when Srimivasan was Indians declared at 195 for three caught at the wicket from a bottom Indians and Central Districts which petered out in a draw today despite three declarations. The Indians declared at 195 for three in their second innings setting the home team the difficult task of making 231 in 80 minutes plus 20 overs which they never attempted. The openers, Pierce and Jones, put up the shutters and scored only 29 runs off 13 overs in just over an hour. The appeal against the light, apparently supported by the captain, 0'Sullivan, left spectators puzzled and annoyed. The pitch, which had produced three centuries on the first two days, vasty more gitten tengant outring sides of the fifthes and sixties. would have got on top of them. They would have survived of course, just as the indominable Boycott did, but dominance of the kind that most sides at some time an office have heart able to recorded.

Trafford last summer and 370 at batsmen will be for a break from having to play them.

Yet, on the evidence of the past few days and perhaps because

After Binny had been caught off a skler for 15, Chauhan's, patient three and a half hour immings ended at 79 with a fine catch by the Test match wicketkeeper, Smith, diving in front of first sin.

scored 156 and 259 with an appreciably stronger batting side than Botham's; at Adelaide, in the third and last Test match, by when they were shell shocked, they made 203 and 165. The outlook, then, is bleak: what else could it be when you have a threadbare batting side opposed to so remorseless an attack?

Yesterday, as they know only too well, England should have saved the game. Next week they will try again, in another one-day international on Thursday and then the second five-day Test then the second five-day Test match, starting on Saturday week Gatting will be brought in, no doubt, to my to strengthen the batting; so, I hope, will Butcher to give it an air of challenge, it will have done them no harm missing the first bombardment. This now, though, has all the more the maldings of a long and difficult tour.

more the makings of a long and difficult tour.

The day after tomorrow comes a four-day game against Guyana, whose side, if it plays as amounced, will include Lloyd Croft and Barchus under the capmincy of Kallicharran. The Bourds Oval at Georgetown is, as a rule, a lovely ground for batting. All being well someone will recover some confidence there: no one lost more of it in the Test mark lost more of it in the Test mach than Gooch, whose 41 of the first innings was even a barrowing experience. Like everyone else he must be looking forward to moving on in the morning.

Barron must wait a while

The Crystal Palace manager Dario Gradi has decided against recalling Barron to keep goal for the visit to Aston Villa tomorrow. Barron has recovered from a minor knee operation but will probably return against Everton the following week.

team beaten 3—0 by Coventry on Tuesday—the third successive defeat since Mr Gradi took charge at Selhurst Park. Walsh is also omitted with Sealy returning to the attack. "Sealy told me I was the attack. "Sealy told me I was wrong to leave him out of the Coventry game and he was right. I made a mistake." Mr Gradi said. Dare, a 20-year-old full back who made his first senior appearance on Tuesday night, retains his place with Leahy substitute. Cannon, Gilbert and Lovell are still under suspension; Gerry Francis has been ordered to rest by a specialist.

Gary Williams became the third Villa player to go down with spicked for the England under-Zi world Cup duty with the Netherlands on Sunday.

season will open as planed on Saturday, August 8, but the start of league fixtures has been pushed back a fortnight to August 22;
This decision was reached by the Scottish League management

committee in Glasgow yesterday after meeting to consider the possibility of falling into step with England, who do not begin until

August 29.

Following the discussions, Jim Farry, the league secretary, announced the compromise date of August 22 for the start of

championship games.

There had been fears that pools revenue would be lost by playing

Tottenham Hotspur are not taking lightly the threat from Exeter, the third division club, whom they meet in the FA Cup quarter final round a fortnight tomorrow. Peter Shreeves Tottenham's assistant manager, and the club's former manager, Bill Nicholson, watched Exeter thrash Newcastle United 4—0 on Wednesday before giving a preliminary report to Keith Burkinshaw. Clearly the Spurs scoots have got the message that Exeter are no pushovers as Leicester and Newcastle have discovered to their tost. In front of 17,000 loyal supporters at their homely St James Park ground Exeter are a match season and would, therefore, not appear on treble chance coupons. Scotland's 38 clubs stood to lose about £90,000 had they gone ahead with league fixtures throughout August, but this

for the dest aimough art surfin-shaw did point out: "We have home advantage and that will make a big difference on the day." While Spurs will field a side that includes their film striker Steve Archibald and other expen-Steve Archibald and other expensive signings, the Exercer manager. Brian Godfrey, has taken his side to the quarter-finals with a team which cost a net total of £52,000. Exeter are quick to point our that their 25-goal leading scorer, Tony Kellow, has made money for the club. Since he was originally signed from Falmouth, the Western League club for £1,500, Kellow has been sold to Blackpool for £105,000 before being bought back

Argentina lift ban Borg sees off McEnroe in just over an hour

Sydney, Feb 19.—The Wimble-don champion, Bjorn Borg, showed his qualities here tonight when he trounced the United States Open champion, John McEnroe, by 6—0, 6—4, in the first match of their three-match exhibition series.

More than 2,500 spectators in the Hordern Payllion were disappointed by McEnroe's performance after paying \$A100 (about £50) a seat. The first set was over in 25 minutes and the match lasted only 65 minutes. Although McEnroe had not lost a set 6—0 to Borg before, Jimmy Connors beat him by that score in the third set in the semi-final round of the United States Open last year.

Borg's topspin had McEnroe on the defensive from the opening game, which, together with the eighth game of the second set, was crucial to the outcome. Borg, showing no signs of the virus that has affected him for the past month, gained his fourth service break of the match in the seventh game of the second set to lead 4—3, but McEnroe had the chance

series is here tomorrow and the series is here tomorrow and the whird is in Melbourae on Saturday.

The spectators never become more than mildly enthusiastic about the game and McEnroe said he felt be had let them down after his surprisingly swift capitulation. "I felt embarrassed. You don't want people to think badly of this because of all the money involved", he said. "It was because we played close games at Wimbledon and in the United States championships that we came together here". Borg won his fifth successive Wimbledon title with a thrilling five-set win over McEnroe, a defeat the American avenged in similar fashion in the final of the United States Open.

McEuroe never felt he had a chance of getting into the match after the opening game. He took Borg to deuce on the Swede's service, but then his volleying went to pieces. McEnroe enloyed some success in the second set by winning three successive service games, but his return of service continued to let him down and his frustration boiled over in the fifth game when, after netting an easy volley, he hurled his

break of the match in the seventh game of the second set to lead 4—3, but McEnroe had the chance to get back into the match in the next game when Borg was 0—40 on his service. Borg showed the trade marks of a true champion by hitting three outright winners to draw level at deuce and then going on to hold a service for a 5—3 advantage.

Borg, who now has eight victories to McEnroe's five in meetings between them, is favourite to win the \$A30,000 gold racket for the winner plus a share of the prize money, believed to total \$A1.3m. The second match in the service, but it didn't worry me. I don't know why I was so tired. I've the prize money, believed to total \$A30.000 gold racket who had not believed to total \$A1.3m. The second match in the service, but it didn't worry me. I don't know why I was so tired. I've the prize money, believed to total \$A30.000 gold racket who had not believed to total \$A30.000 gold racket into the next. I was fired ", McEnroe said. " I was fired the next of the prize and then to lead to his return of service continued to let him down and his frustration bodled over in the fifth game when, after netting an easy volley, he hurled his racket into the next. I was fired ", McEnroe said. " I was fired "

Champion seeks third title

John McEnroe will defend his day. "This system, unique in title at the grand prix tournament British sport, has already cost us at the Queen's Club, London, from June 8 to 14. Winner of the tournament director, Clive the tournament director, Clive Representation and the cournament director." tournament, which is sponsored by Stella Artols, for the past two years, he confirmed his entry yesterday for the £70,000, pre-Wimbledon event.

Wimbledon event.

McEnroe can expect vociferous support in the early rounds, for the sponsors are making 1,000 centre court seats available to schoolchildren on the first two days. "We believe we should help young people to see the best tennis possible, played by some of the best players in the world," a tournament official said.

The sponsors will again operate their system of giving spectators tickets for another period of play if the weather interferes on any

However, if the tournament is blessed with a fine week, British tennis will benefit to the extent of £25,000. This sum would be given to the Queen's Club for new covering of their indoor courts, which would be available to intersectional courts. national teams for practice.

After the first two games, it is easy for Connors

5—1, yesterday in a \$1/5,000 tournament here.

Comors will face Terry Moor in the third round. Moor apset 15th seed Jose fligueras, of Spain, 5—3, 5—1. Another upset was the defeat of 10th-seeded Johan Krick, South Africa, by Trey Waltke, 7—5, 6—1.

Kriek, South Africa, by Trey Waltke, 7—5, 6—1.

Ivan Lendl, the second seed, from Czechoslovakia, Faroki Solomon, Roscoe Tanner, Eliot Telescher and Brian Gottfried were all seeded players who advanced. Lendl and Solomon were extended to three setz—Lendl beat Martin Davis in just over two hours, 7—6, 6—3, 6—3, 4—3, while Solomon defeated Russell Simpson, 6—7, 6—3, 6—0.

RESULTS (US unless stated); Second round: T. Moor beat J. Rivocas (Spain), 6—5, 6—1; Par Dunne beat C. Roger-Vasselln (France). 6—1; Rev Romandi, T. Moor beat J. Rivocas (Spain), 6—5, 6—1; Par Dunne beat C. Roger-Vasselln (France). 6—1; Rev Romandi, T. Moor beat J. Rivocas (Spain), 6—5, 6—1; Par Dunne beat R. Rome (Alacralia) beat R. Rome (Alacralia) beat R. Firmbon (Cochond beat G. Mayer. 6—6, 6—1; H. Solomon beat R. Simpson (NZ), 6—1; H. Solomon seat R. Simpson (NZ), 6—1; H. Solomon seat

Houston (Texas), Feb 19.—
Hans Mandlikova, of Czechoslovakia. elevated to the top of
the seedings with Tracy Austin's
withdrawal, had to struggle by
beat Mary Lou Platek, 3—6, 7—6
6—2, yesterday in the first road
of the \$100,000 Houston champion-

She took the first game of the final set, although Miss Plank fought back to win the next two games. However, Miss Mandikova's driving serve and drop shots won her the next five games.

Hockey

Busy weekend for Spanish women's team

By Joyce Whitehead By Joyce Whitehead

The Spanish women's team get their first taste of English hockey this weekend. Though they have fewer clubs in the whole country than London alone, they are a keen and well organized side, and the three matches have been carefully planned for the benefit of both countries.

Their first match is against

of both countries.

Their first match is against Thames Polytechnic today at 3.0. Tomorrow they meet England B at Bedford (3.0) and on Sunday they play an All-England Women's Hockey Association side at the Bank of England's Rochampton ground at 11.30.

The Association XI includes Rhona Bradley (Cumbria), who though selected for the first time for the North this season, was unable to play in the recent territorial matches because of a broken arm.

While all that takes place the

territorial junior tournament will be played at Crystal Palace. It will be three graciling days for the under-18s of the five terri-tories. The 10 matches will be followed by the Possibles Probables game and the announce ment of the England junior squar on Sunday afternoon.

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ENGLAND: J. Lewards (Durhams: G. Whitehead (English I niceraties). R. Suima Devon. S. Franka. Someract. S. Carley (Educate). Rentle A. Andrés de (Marie A. Andrés Leufarchire). P. Noll (Bedford Cologe). R. Brailey (Cambria). I. Stephinome (York-Chire). L. Bitts (Journal (Warth. Spire). S. Roberts (Suiday). G. Dudley (Langard). (Sanday). G. Dudley (Langard). smre). S. Roberts (Safolk), C. Dudley (Langabus). Oxford University have selected the following XI for the women's hockey University match. TEAM: J. Carel: A Wheeler, C. Cole, D. Manbelt, K. Bishno, V. God-frey, R. Buckne! F. Barling, K. Hardie, R. Shite, H. Karker.

Today's fixtures

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FOURTH DIVISION: Dorkaster
Rovers v York Cat. 10CKEY: Women's junior terri-cal tournament: South c East (1.0) w Midjands (2.0); North v (2.0).

lose about £90,000 had they gone ahead with league firtures throughout August, but this money will now be redeemable at the end of the season, which will spill over into at least the first two Saturdays of May, 1982.

The management committee also discussed the English league's recent decision to award three points for a win next season, but their verdict was unanimous that the points structure in Scotland should remain the same.



Alan Minter: waits for return bout with Hagler.

Motor rallying

Treacherous forest roads

Snow in the North-East and North Yorkshire during the meht posed a threat to the Mintex international rally as 102 competitors gathered at Newcastle-on-Tyne vesterday. Officials said some of the roads in the forests were treacherously slippery with ice and drifting snow.

The event has attracted a top class international entry for 23 hours of concentrated driving which includes over 200 miles of special stages on Ministry of Defence land, and the North Yorkshire forests.

A battle royal is expected between the top seeds, Pertii Airikkla, a Finn in the Rothmans Escort RS prepared by David Sutton; Sweden's Per Ekland, in a Toyota Celica: the Britons Tony Pond in the DTV Chevette HRS; Jimmy McRae in the Opel Asconda 400 and Russel Brookes in the Sud-

beam Talbot Lotus which won the Lombard-RAC rally.

Audi Quattro for Mikkola:
Hanna Mikkola will be at the
wheel of the four-wheel drive
Audi Quattro, in which he won the Swedish Rally, for the Rally of Portugal from March 3 to 8, of Portugal from March 3 to 8, Agence France Presse report from Lisbon. Fiat have entered a strong team, headed by another Finn. Markku Alen. Alen, who will drive a Fiet 131 Abarth, won in 1975. 1977 and 1978. Jean Ragnottl, of France, who won at Moute Carlo with the Renault 5 Turlin has not entered.

First for Oslo

Between 4,000 and 3,000 runners are expected for the first official Oslo Marathan on July 12, an event which follows the annual Oslo track and field meeting-

Chance to compare notes on Minter and Sibson

By Srikumar Sen

Boxing Correspondent Boxing Correspondent

Who would win if Alan Minter, the former world middleweight champion, met Tony Sibson, the European and Commonwealth champion? The answer to the bout that will produce the biggest domestic receipts of all time will come sometime in November, but those who think they know all the answers will get a rare chance to have another think after seeing the two boxers in action on the same bill on St Patrick's Day, March 17, at Wembley Arena.

Minter faces Ernic Singletory. March 17, as Wembley Arena,
Minter faces Eroic Singletors,
of Philadelphia, who has lost only
one of his 21 houts and Sibson
meets Nick Ordz, of Puerto Rico,
who was a successful light-middleweight and as a middleweight beat
Bennic Briscoe who, poor man,
has become the instant yardstick
of anyone who aspires to greatness.

The meeting between the two British middleweights is building up to a "great light if Tony keeps on knocking them over". Minter says, But it has been delayed because Minter still has not get Marries Heeles the of his not got Marvin Hagler out of his system. "All I think of is boxing

Motor racing

Regazzoni

begun to curve.

Operation for

Washington, Feb 19.—Clay Regazzoni, the Swiss racing driver, was undergoing a 12-hour opera-tion today at Georgetown Univer-sity Medical Center in an attempt

begun to curve.

The operation will be in three stages: the surgeons will try to remove the bar and straighten the spine, cut a piece out of the vertebra that is pressing on it, and regraft the vertebra. Asked if there was any possibility of Regazzou driving again, a spokesman said the question would have to be asked some days after the operation.—AP.

for the championship of the world "he says.

Hagler has promised Minter a bout in the autumn, "He wanted something easier than Minter in April "his manager. Doug Bidwell said. In the meantime Minter must walk the tightrope of 10-rounders. Sibson remains suitably deferential. He said yesterday that he would like to defend his European title against Minter to establish himself as the real champion.

On the same night, the European title against Minter to establish himself as the real champion.

On the same night, the European heavyweight champion John L. Gardner, attempts to move up in the world by taking an Ossie "Jaws" Ocasio, of Puerto Rico. Ocasio has met Larry Holmes, the world champion, and has beaten Jimmy Young rwice but because of a period of inactivity he has dropped our of the top 10. As Mickey Duff, Gardner's manager, says if his man wins well he could find himself in the rankings and in the same ring with Holmes.

Amateur Enrewell: Earry McGuigan, aged 19, who won a gold Amateur farewell: Barry McGui-gan, aged 19, who won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, will bid farewell to amateur boxing when he repre-sent I reland in the featherweight division against England in Dublin

Cycling

Favourites take over lead

Milan, Feb 19.—Patrick Sercu and Francesco Moser won the afternoon motor-paced event, re-covered one lap and regained the lead in the six-day race here dursity Medical Center in an attempt to give him greater use of his legs which had been partly paralysed after an accident at Long Beach. A team of four surgeons were trying to straighten a bar that had been inserted to keep his spine straight. The bar had got out of place and Regazzoni's spine had been to curre. ing today's sixth leg. Sercu and Muser, the favourites to win the event at the local induor stadiom, werrook the overnight leaders, Wilfried Peffgen and Pletro Algeri, who dropped to third place.

Tony Sibson: wants to be the real champion.

Canoeing

Calm financial waters

By a Special Correspondent

The 1981 world championships in wild water, slalout and cacong canoeing, which are to be held at Bala and at Holme Pierrepont in July, received a £300,000 burst at the official launch in London Vertexia.

vesterday.

Dick Jeeps, the chairman of the Sports Council, announced that the council were putting up such a large amount of cash because of the lasting benefits which the extra facilities would have, for training and competi-tion at international level in both canceing and rowing. The total budget for "Canoe 81" is more than fim. Two thousan's competitors and officials from more than 40 countries are expected to attend the triple

world canipplopships. The wild water and slalom grents are to be held between

July 16 and 24 at Bila, in North Wales, where 590,500 is being spent on developing Fryweryn, Inc Welsh authorities are to release 250 million gallon; of water from Llyn Celvn dam down the Treveryn to Bala Lake, thereby guaranteeing sufficient white water for an exciting com-

petition.
At Nottingham improvements
at home and be made to At Northestam improvements totalling \$80,000 will be made to Holme Pierrepont water sports centre. These will include new starting and finishing points on the 2,000m course, improved judging and press facilities, new canne racks and the latest electropies and sectorshoad. tronics and scoreboard.

The world racing championships take place at Holme Pierrepont take place at Holme Pierrepont between July 29 and August 2. The Commonwealth statom and white water championships are at Tranditully, Scotland, between

La Quinta (California), Feb 19.

—Jimmy Connors, the top seed, gained an easy second round victory over unseeded Chris Dunk, 6—3, 6—1, yesterday in a \$175,000

of the Show, and ikova dropped the first set when Miss Platek used her powerful two-banded bathand to break serve. Miss Mandlikova, who celebrated her 19th and was troubled by double faults, but rallied to be the second set 5-5. She was angered when the umpire ruled one of her serves a fault, but then won the next two games and the

RESULTS (1'S unless stried). first round: H. Mandikon; (Cachastonalablea) M. L. Platok, 3-6, 7-5, 0-2; K. Latham beat R. Biouni, 6-1, 5-1; B. Burge; (WG) beat R. Specific Press, 7-5, 8-3, 4886d-169 Press, 7-5, 8-3, 4886d-

Athletics

Coe receives special

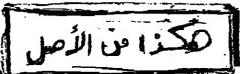
Special
Open grant
Sebastian Coe has been given at the copen-emied grant but would given at the post of a special spec memory of the man who, president of Tesco supermarke launched the SAF lottery sale Some £400,000 has been raised Same 1400,000 has been raised the SAF by this method in unit four years.

Although Coe will be based Loughborough University for most this season he still not money. "I will need to call the grant for day to day expensionered in training and training."

Septuagenarian marathoners

Edward Peacock, of Chiswi Stanley Tugwood, of Burnh and Roy Collins, of Bristol, tand out among the 7,360 thers in the London Marabaponsored by Gillette, from the with Park to Buckingham Palon March 29. All three are the seventy Peacock is 73 and whole and Collins 70.

The oldest woman will Madge Sharples, aged fellowinchester. Dennis Moure. Teddington, who has been besince birth, will compete with aid of a cord antached to his ning partner. Wally Scatt. nine partner, Wally Scall, Aldershot, and hopes to comp the course in a little over i, hours. Among the competitors are peried to be 1,500 from overs



Late Billy Beaumont has Queen's pardon

Rugby Correspondent

E.Il Benumont turned up half-way through England's training atint at St Mary's College, Straw-berry Hill, yesterday. But he had-the perfect excuse, having been invited to a small lunth party with the Queen and the Duke of Ech-burgh at Buckingham Palace. burgh at Buckingham Palace.
England's captain was delighted to hear that both of them had thoroughly enjoyed the quadrangular international in celebration of the Welsh contenary in Aveember. He had also been re-Accember. He had also been re-leved to discover that the original invitation was genuine. "When the Queen's Equerry came through on the telephone about a month ago", be said. "I thought at first that it was one of the lads taking the mickey!"

Beaumont, not unnaturally, sees tomorrow's Calcutta Cup match against Scotland at Twickenham as being make or break. "If we lose this one, on top of what happened in Wales, we'll be back to square one and everyone will have forgotten what happened last season." He had been impressed by what

He had been impressed by what he had seen on television of the Scottish victory over Wales, particularly the play of their pack and the speed of their lose forwards. "Goviously", he added, "we don't want the game to get too loose. "I'm looking for a performance from England like the one they gave in the first half at Murrayfield last season. formance from England like the one they gave in the first half at Murrayfield last season.

"I think we have the most talented backs in the home countries, and we want to give them their head, letting them have the ball a lot culcker than we managed to 60 in Cardiff," lie is confident that the new stand-off half, Haw Davies, will settle in well. This is much to be hoped, because there was news yesterday that John Horton's ham-string migray is serious enough for him to ask his cleb, Bath, not to consider him for the pext six Viter the fire

weeks. This must rule Horton out of continuation for England's last two internationals, against Ireland in Dublin and France at Twickenham. England trained purposefully under Mike Davia, the coach, for the best part of two hours in flurries of anow and sleet. It is clear that they want to use the pace and strength of their other new cap, Nick Jeavons, on the burst behind shortened lineous.

The Scottish party flew to London yesterday after training at Mutrayfield. They will have another more gentle spin at the H. A. C. ground in the City artwo o'clock this afternoon.

Alan Iomes, the Hawlek lock forward, missed Scotland's workout, Tomes, who scored Scotland's opening try against Wales 12 days ago, was sitting an examination in connexion with his work as an official with the North East of England Gas Board.

He will fly south independently today to join the remainder of the party.

Scotland's other lock, Bilf Cuth-

party. Scotland's other lock, Bill Cuthscotians s other lock, is it Climbertson, who injured an arm in the 15-6 victory over Wales, took part in yesterday's training at Murrayfield under the watchin eye of Jim Telfer, the coach, and was pronounced fit to Play Obds: England 4-9, Scotiand 2-1, draw 14-1, Wales 4-6, Ireland 11-8, draw 14-1.

Australian stand



Newcomer Huw Davies (left) has no ned to ask: "Where are you going, Billy boy?" of England's captain.

Welsh plea for better crowd behaviour

The Welsh Rugby Union is seriously concerned about the declining standard of spectator behaviour at the National Stadium, Cardiff. On the eve of tomorrow's international against Ireland, rows international against Ireland, a statement has been issued deploring the actions of a "boorish minority" and urging spectators to refrain from indulging in "boos, catcalls and whistling" when opponents are kicking at

when opponents are kicking at goal.

"Wales enjoys tremendous prestige throughout the rugby world, not only for the prowess of its players on the field, but also for the enthusiasm and sportleng artitudes of its supporters", the statement reads.

"Sadly, however, due to actions of a boorish minority, that prestige is being eroded and the President, committee and team earnestly appeal to all spectators on Saturday to show a very high standard of sporting and general personal behaviour before, during and after the game.

"Please give to our opponents the same respect as afforded the Welsh players."

Wales will concentrate on their own play and on dictating tactics, Jeff Squire, their reappointed captain, said yesterday after the final team run-out at Bridgend. "Ireland are always a worry to the Welsh" he said. "They have a

leam ron-out at kridgend, "Ire-land are always a worry to the Welsh", he said, "They have a good side, but basically we are going to concentrate on our own play and dicrate things the way we want them to go".

Wales, he added, had a good record at the National Stadium, record at the National Stadium, which was an obvious advantage, but they had something to prove after the game against Scotland. Almost everyone played badly and he was hoping for a backlash. Squire added: "What I am looking for is commitment up front and the production of more quality ball, and a bir more fluency behind".

Keith Rowland, chairman of the selectors, said: "Everybody is fit, enthusiastic and waiting for Saturday". In the training session, particular attention was paid to rucks, manks and tackles, where the Weish have given away numerous penalties this season. John Lloyd, the national coach, warned his team to eliminate "stily penalties". He said: "Ireland have two very good kickers in Campbell and Ward and we just cannot afford to give anything away". Ireland had an hour-long practice before departing for Cardiff yesterday afternoon. Tom Klernan, the coach, said: "It's going to be a tough game. The Weish are always difficult to bear in Cardiff. This applies on Saturday, even though they've made a number of changes.

"I expect the new caps will be trying hard to prove themselves and justify their selection and that's going to make it extra difficult for us."

There is little likelihood of Kiernan making recalled fly-half Tony Ward his number one goalkicker instead of Ollie Campbell, who has been moved to centre.

Although Campbell had an unhappy time in the defeat by France two weeks ago, Kiernan said: "There's little point in making a change of place kickers at this stage. However, that will depend on how well Ollie Campbell is kicking".

There are no late changes in the Irish team, All 15, plus the six substitutes, took part in yesterday's practice.

Argentine opposition Buenos Aires, Feb 19.—Argeutina will play two rugby union internationals against England in Buenos Aires later this year, the Argentine Rugby Federation has announced. The matches are scheduled for May 30 and June 6.

Support for Burgess comes from Gosforth

The Northern merit table leaders, Gosforth, have come out in favour of a league system for Rugby Union. They would like to see 11 teams in each league, each club playing five games at home and five away. They are also against scrapping the John Player Cup.

The club have accepted the other aims of the Burgess report: the downgrading of the county championship and the setting up of a divisional championship.

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Northumberland ream that won
the county final against Gloucestershire last month, Northumberland approve of leagues, but want
to keep the county championship
and see it played on four Saturdays instead of five. They are
against the idea of a divisional
championship, Durham have voted
in much the same way but want
no changes at all in the county
championship.
The three international Bridgend
players who have lost their places

The three international Bridgend players who have lost their places in the Welsh side—J. P. R. Williams, Fenwick and Gareth Williams—play for their club tonight. But Bridgend, who are expecting one of their biggest crowds of the season, are deprived of Wales new half-backs, Gerald Williams and Gary Pearce.

The former England B. player. The former England B player.
Gifford, has recaptured his place
at scrum half for Moseley at Aberrillery today. He has had a running battle with Steve Morley.
Gifford has the break; Morley

the pass. A combination of the two would produce an inter-national player. Since Morley was re-introduced. Moseley have scored five tries in each of their last five matches.

Rugby League

differing.

Entente stays cordiale as French clear the air

Officials of the Rugby League resterday rejoiced at the news from France which indicates a sudden rapprochement between Union and League in the try. Apparently the French Rughy Union and League in that coun-League were so horrified by recent statements from the Rugby League Secretary General, David Oxley, that the game in France is as professional as the game in England" that they moved hastily to repair breaches with the French Rughy Union and to pla-cate the French Government's sports ministry.

Rugby League in France is registered with the Government as an amuteur sport, and French Rugby League officials are to meet their counterparts in Rugby Union to draw up renewed codes of behaviour forbidding poaching of players between the two bodies. This is the outcome which has so delighted David Oxley and his colleagues in England.

colleagues in England.

The contretemps blew up recently when it was alteged that the brilliant centre, lean-blarc Bourret, had been offered an inducement in the nature of £20,000 to switch his allegiances from Pla Rugby Locaue Club to Perpigan Rugby Union Club. These allegations have been heartedly and roundly denied on all sides, but the hornets next which Sides, but the hornets nest which was stirred-up by the controversy will lead to questions being asked of the French Rugby Union at the

Therefore when he joined Perpignan from Pia he was moving from another amateur federation. M Ferrasse added that if it was proved that Bourret had received money in changing clubs he would be banned by both Rugby Union and Rugby League in France.

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and Rugby League in France.

Although cypical observers of the Rugby League scene in Bugland will see something shifty in the French manoeuvres, there is no doubt that the main purpose of Mr Oxley in writing a letter to the Rugby Union outlining the French situation was to "clear the air" between the two handling codes in France. An agreement outlawing posching and other irregularities was signed between the two sports in 1972 and this will be renewed, under the joint imprimateur of M Ferrasse and French Rugby League president, Rene Mauries, conveniently before the International Board meeting.

Board meeting. Board meeting.

David Oriey sald yesterday:

"We are delighted at this successful outcome, which we think can only be good for rugby in general. The main purpose of raising the matter was to bring together the two codes in France to clarify the position regarding the poschlog that has been going

the poaching that has been going on on both sides. For several seasons now Rugby Union and Rugby League in France have been at each other's throats. The statements from France certainly clarify the situation, and we regard this as a major victory." of the French Rugby Union at the international board meeting at Cardiff next mouth.

M Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French Rugby Union, ment from Fulbam that they would be interested in signing regarded as a professional player since Rugby League in France is out in the cold in his own counternational player.

The final European championship game, England v Weles, will be played at Craven Park, Hull, on March 18. The referee will be John Holdsworth, the 34-year-old Leeds official who has made a remarkably rapid rise in the game. He was oppointed a grade one referee in November, and in quick succession has been a touch judge at an international in France, referee at a cotts international, and now referee of a full international.

Racing

Hern aims Henbit at Jockey Club Stakes

What dramas we had. Apart from Henbit breaking down in the Derby there was Nureyev's disqualification in the 2,000 Guineas and the magnificent season enjoyed by Elz-Manz-Mou and his defeat of Mrs Penny in the Diamond Stakes. Then there (2.33) STAR AND CARTER ASE (Handicap: E113: 3m 110

Cups in successive years. And then, throughout the late summer and autumn, there was the battle for supremacy among the milers which culminated in Known Fact's defeat of Kris in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot.

Timeform's racehorse of the year—rated at 137—was the European champion sprinter, Moorestyle. The next highest rated were Known Fact and Le Moss, at 135. The rising generation of three-year-olds will be seriously tested, with both Known Fact and Moorestyle, as well as Hero's talented trio, remaining in training as four-year-olds.

On last season's two-year-olds Timeform are in agreement with the international classification in rating Storm Bird and To-Agori-Mou head and shoulders above their contemporaries. In fact, they go further: in assessing Storm Bird at 134 they are rating him higher than three other some of Northern Dancer—Nijinsky, The Minstrel and Try My Beşt—at a similar stage of their careers. They almost certain to stay the distance 3.0 (3.1) FOTH HURDLE (Handlesp: £1,268: 2m; CATHMARIA, ch m, by Great Heron They work C. Piniot 115-8 her) 1
Erove Fellow P. A. Churiton (7-1) 2
Erove Fellow P. A. Churiton (7-1) 3
TOTS: Win, 51c; places; 15p. 10cs,
57p. 21c; Dual F £1.02, CBF; £1.15,
M. Dickinson, Harcwood, 1, 77,
Peaceymor (7-1), 4th, 16 mm. NR:
Sandra Bella.

Agori-Mou in the 2,000 Guineas, Racing is quiet this afternoon before the excitement of romorrow's programmes. The £10,000 Trout Chase at Newcastie is the most valuable race of the day and despite the expected absence of Night Nurse from this limited bandicap Peter Easterby could still hold the key with Prominent King, and Father Delaney. Prominent King, a useful stayer, has been gradually finding his form and his latest effort when third to The Engineer at Stockton suggests that latest effort when third to The Engineer at Stockton suggests that he should be too good for Father Delaury and the Vintuer.

The four-year-olds should be suited by the conditions of the Wild Duck Novices' Hurdle. Caroline Lamb, conqueror of the talented Home Ground at Stockton, may prove too good for Carouser. Another Stockton winner, Justafancy, should find Onapromise his chief rival in the Gak Handicap Hurdle at Fakenham.

TOTE: Win. 72p: places 15p 18p.
50p: Dual forecast: £1.05, CSF: £2.58.
Whanton Wolherty, 1'n, 8', Wilson
Ecacan (S-1). 40; 15 run. NR: Carvon Boy, Brave Effort.

TOTE: Win: El.51: places: 47p. 17p. 12p. Dual forecast: £2.60. CSF: 25.71 2d. 44. Angostura: 15-2 favi Joint (14-1; 4th. 17 ran. NR: Allied Placepor: £19.15.

Ice hockey

Snooker

Golf ADELAIDE: South Anstraliza open; Second round (Australian unless stated; 1-40; L. Stephen 73, 67; 141; J. Cilliand 58, 73; R. Davis 72, 69; S. Owen: New Zealand; 77, 71; R. Shaw 71, 70, 142; W. Dunk 11, 71, 143; S. Long (US) 71, 72, 144; K. Keagle 70, 74, 146, R. birater, 73, 73, 150; D. Simon (US) 74, 76,

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End of Daley saga?

Invitation to rust

The drawn out transfer of Manchester City's Steve Daley could be resolved today. Daley, for whom City paid Wolverhampton Wanderers £1.5m has been on Seattle Sounders' list for some time. City's manager, John Bond, quoted the Americans a knockdown fee of £300,000. Alan Hinton, the Seattle manager who arrived in Britain last night, will meet Mr Bond to iron out the deal.

Tokyo Marathon on March 1, the Japan Amateur Athletic Federation have announced. They include Jeronic Drayton (Canada), lan Thompson (Eritain), Kebede

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Latest snow reports from Eurcae

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representatives of the Ski Club of slopes and U to upper slopes. The from oter outce :



teristered as an amateur sport, try. Five England new caps

By Keith Macklin

The 12.1 Combrian second row
man, Bill Pattinson, is the odd
forward out in England's final
selection for the European champlonship game with France at
Headingley on Saturday, Pattinsen is the forward to drop to
substitute, with the Wigan forward, Steve O'Neill, and the
young Warrington forwards. Brian
Case and ian Petter, gaining their
first Caps. Pritinson can still hope
for a Cap If he gets on to the
field as substitute at some point
during the game. during the game.

There are five new Caps in all in the team announced vesterday, the others being the Whitehaven strum half. Araold Walker, and during the same. the Castleford wing three-quarter,

Olympic Games

IOC 'substantial segment' opposes permanent site

Lausanne (Switzerland) Feb 19.

An offer to move the summer Olympic Games to a permanent site in Greece, its original home, is opposed by "a substantial segment" of the International Olympic Committee, a spokesman said here today.

The IOC executive board will discuss a report on the proposal, based on recent visats to Greece, at its meeting in Los Angeles next week. Soundings of the 53 IOC members by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president show "there is clearly a substantial segment which disapproves of the idea of a permanent site for the games, as it contradicts the universal nature of the games", the IOC reported.

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Greece offered Kalasa, near the site of ancient Olympia, as a permanent site. In the wake of the partial western boycott of the 1930 Games in Moscow, several national committees have backed for proposal in an effort to reduce costs and political wrangling.

The Moscow boycott—although many teams and atheir government's

French youths

Paris. Feb 19.-The French announced the under 18

authoritative source said here today.

The application deadline is February 27. Athens, Melbourne and Nagoya are also said to want to host the 1938 games. The matter is expected to be decided in Baden-Baden.

Seoul also wants to host the 10th Asian Games in 1986 and since Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, has also applied, a delegation from the Asian Games Federation is scheduled to visit both cities next month for on-the-spot surveys.—Agencies.

Carpet General out

Carpet General will not run in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on March 28. Mark Prescott, the trainer, said, last olght: "I will not have Carpet General prepared in rime for the Lincoln."

was Le Moss becoming the first horse to win the Ascot Gold Cup and the Goodwood and Doncaster Cups in successive years. And then, throughout the late summer of the Derby and that he might face a stiffer task against To-Agori-Mou in the 2,000 Guineas. Prince Bee never stopped improv-ing last season and will have Epsom's Coronation Cup as an early objective.

By Michael Seely

The north wind cut like a knife across the Berkshire Downs above West Isley sesterday morning. It was hard not to shiver in the distance moving up the all-weather gallop towards Dick Hern, who was waiting on his hack on the crest of the hill. However, it was a heart-warming sight as Henbit, the hero of the 1980 Derby, cantered by a few seconds later. "Not much wrong with that action", Major Hern commented. The possibility of Henbit being seen in action again seemed remots at Epsom last June when he cracked his off-fore cannon hone during the moment of his greatest triumph. However, the American-bred colt is now as sound as a bell, and all being well will have his first race of 1981 in the Jockey Club Stakes during the 2,000 Guineas meeting at Newmarket. early objective.

The only defat of that wiry little filty, Shoot A Line, in six high-class races last season occurred in the Oaks where she was manifed to the firm ground and could only finish fifth behind her stable companion, Bireme, Ideally, Hern would have liked to tackle the Yorkshire Cup with Shoot A Line. "However, the penaltits for group one winners are pretty hefty in this race" he said. "The John Porter Stakes at Newbury and the Ormonde Stakes at Chester are more likely targets".

The opening of the flat racing Chester are more likely targets ".

The opening of the flat racing season is still over a month away, but the arrival of a copy of Timeform's Racehorses of 1980 not only quickened the pulse in anticipation of the excitements shead but also recalled the highlights of last year.

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2,000 Gillers meeting at New-market. Hern holds a strong hand in his older horses after his record-breaking year in 1980. Both Henbit and Prince Bee have the King George VI and Queen Eliza-beth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as their principal targets. The tough

Southwell results 1.0 (1.2) REINDEER CHASE (Div I: Novice huntars: £448; 3m 110 ydg) COMPTON LAD, or or ro by
Precipice Wood—Snowdra Quien
(R. McAlpinn, 8-12-0.

Beauthing S. Den (-5): [av) 1

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Beauthiner Mr M. Thompson (50-1) 2

TOTE: Win. 18: places, 11p. 10n.

C.79: Dual F: 57p. CSF: £1.28, M.

Dickinson, Balewood. 207, distance.
Townsme, 6-1; fav. Ammonelis (50-1)

4th. B Fau. NR: Candy Royal, Choral
Prince, Galwey Ruight.

Newcastle programme

2.15 OAK HURDLE (Handicap: £931: 28m)

1.45 SYCAMORE BURDLE (Novice handicap: £812: 21m)

URDLE (Handicap: 1951: 25m)
Islander (D), Li Kimany, 9-12-5...
Omspromise (D), Denys Smith, 5-11-12
Ellen Mayourneen, G. Feltralen, 5-10-13
Recean Con (C,S), B. Handingson, 7-10-13
Morthern Echo (D), Minishton, 5-10-13
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Habbersupreme, E. Cartor, 7-10-9
Leaddes, C. Wardman, 11-10-9
Cais-Lad (C), N. Bycroh, 7-10-8
Camandra (D), J. Fizgerald, 6-10-6
Gold Invader (C,D), A. Scott, 8-10-6
Guar Man (C), J. S. Wilson, 6-10-5
Canty's Briss, D. Thomson, 8-10-1
Novor Stop, G. Bell 4-10-0
Ragency Wood, T. Cale, 6-10-0
See, 4-1, Effer Mayourneen, 9-2 Justalancy,

303 2.3400a Father Delaney (D), M. H. Easterby, 9-11-10 ... A. Brown 5001 11/033 Prom.nest King (D, B), M. H. Easterby, 9-11-10 ... A. Brown 505 11/033 Sparkle's Choice (C,D,B), M. Cramp. 8-11-1 ... C. Hawkins 505 0210u2 The Vintage (D), M. Naughton, 10-10-15 ... C. Grant 307 2112p/ Hinghape, T. Craig, 11-10-7 ... R. Lamb 508. 001301 The Engineer (D), Ld Kimany, 9-10-7 ... C. Tinkler 9-4 Prominent King, 11-4 Sparkle's Choice, 4-1 The Vanner, 5-1 The Engineer, 7-1 Father Delaney, 35-1 Hindhope.

3.15 BEECH CHASE (Novice handicap: £1,288: 2m 120yd)

3.45 WILD DUCK HURDLE (Novices : £874 : 2m 120yd)

4.15 POPLAR HURDLE (4-y-o novices : £683 : 2}m)

2.45 TROUT CHASE (Limited handicap : £6,970: 3m)

2-1 Ducky Duke, 3-1 Chartered Course, 9-2 Young. 7-1 Chingolo, 12-1 Saint Fillans, 16-1 others.

Prince, Galwey Rright.

1.30 (1.31) BROMLEY ARMS CHASE (MASE (Mandicap): £113; 3m 110 yds; 1 Marting COCK, the p. by Aggressiot—Rhode Island (U. Ramply): 9:10-5, bi ... S. McNeil (12-1) 7 Turk ... A. Cookani (15-2) 2 Marshal Night (12-1) 8 G. McCouri (13-8 (av) 2 Sos And Heir ... P. Warner (6-1) 3 TOTE: Win. £1.06: places 376, 246, C. Masson Maiton, 51, 45, Three 12p; Dual F: £5.71. CSF: £1.32, D. Brethren (50-1), 4b, 8 Fan.

Sanora Hella.

3.30 (3.52) REINDEER CHASE (DBY II; Novice hunters: £448; 3m 110 wds)

REO GEM, ch g, by Some Hand—
Czar's Diamond (14d Leigh)
5-10-13 Mr A. Walters (16-1) 1

Michight Pane.

Mr J. Fanshawe (7-1) 2

Prince Keel . Mr J. Wade (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 95; niaces, 290, 130, 170; Duni F. £1.83, CSF: £12.16.

Li Leight, Skullworth 31, us. Campuerbund, 5-4 fav. Clear and Clean (8-1), ith 9 rad. NR: Light Sprite, Oalley Pride.

Fakenham programme SYCAMORE HURDLE (Novice handicap: £812: 2½m)

214320 Acdy's Giff (C), Deeps Smith. 6-11-10 A. Stringer
033142 Winning Srief. M. Naodadon. 6-11-4 G. Bradley
0320u Ran's Fly. A. MacGagart, 6-10-12 C. Bell
1002 Corel John. W. A. Stephenson. 5-10-9 G. W. Gray
010000 Avalancha. J. Henderson. 6-10-2 A. MacWilliams
2422/02 Eaby Acro. Miss. S. Hall. 6-10-9 D. Dullon
004041 Never Step. C. Bell. 4-10-8 J. Hansen
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004004 Accile Timber. T. Barros. 5-10-9 D. Johnston
013400 Press Gang (C) J. Wiscon. 6-10-2 D. Johnston
013401 Press Gang (S) McTon. Wiscon. 6-10-2 J. Dullor
013402 Press Gang (S) McTon. Wiscon. 6-10-2 J. P. Dullor
03010 Tool May 1. Surgery 3-10-0 J. A. McGiyrus
0-00004 Crayhouse Angus. C. Bravery, 8-10-0 T. G. Dullor
03000 Marshall Field. J. FizzGaraid. 7-10-0 M. Bravel
03000 Tableouse Angus. C. Bravery, 8-10-0 J. A. Harris
00004 Ganderwell, P. Beran. 5-10-0 J. A. Harris
00004 Ganderwell, P. Beran. 5-10-0 S. Kcillewell
00-bopb Dulloy Two-Steps, B. McLan. 6-10-0 S. Kcillewell
Valuning Brjef, 5-1 Never Stop, 11-2 Bushy Bay, 6-1 Andy's Gift. 7-1
John. 8-1 Tom Horn, 10-1 Press Gang, 12-1 Enby Arco, 14-1 Arctic Tuthill Bond, 11-4 Well Gressed, 4-1 Funny Moon, 14-1 Swing the Axe, 16-1 others. 2.0 SHERINGHAM HURDLE (Selling: handicap: £526: 2m 1f) 2.30 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CHASE (Hunters: £784:

3.0 TOTE CHASE (Novices: £811: 2m). 3.30 SANDRINGHAM CHASE (Handicap: £1,263: 3m)

DUCK HURDLE (Novices: £874: 2m 120yd)

Eurnering (CO), M. H. Easterby, 5-11-8. Mr T. Ersierby
Accontiness: G. Beil, 8-11-4. C. Plimioti
Charifie Choice, F. Watson, 8-11-4. Mr F. Watson
Coughy Prince, P. Roban, 7-11-4. D. Johnston, 7.

Dudayam, T. Barner, 6-11-1. D. Johnston, 7.

Mr Shayg (8), K. Oliver, h.11-4. Mr T. G. Dun
Sán No Nore, M. Reddan, 5-11-3. Mr T. G. Dun
Baker Streets, P. Calver, h.11-3. Mr T. G. Dun
Grandshi Hall, K. Cliver, 5-11-3. Mr R. Griver, 5-11-3. T. V. O'Connell 4
Keop Trying, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-5. Mr R. Shiels 7

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Three Shiener E. Shiener S. Hall, 4-10-8. D. Wilkinson 1

Caroline Lamb, Miss S. Hall, 4-10-8. R. Barry
Gelenvaro, R. Petrock, 4-10-5. D. Alkinson
1 Cough Prince, 16-10 Concert Thesal 4.0 HUNSTANTON HURDLE (Div II: novices : £345 : 2m 1f) 3-1 Goldridge, 4-1 Marubent, 9-2 More, 12-1 Worstead, 14-1 olbers.

Fakenham selections

By Michael Seely 1.30 Tuthill Bond. 2.0 Allanstown. 2.30 Mr Mellors. 3.0 Cypo. 3.30 Sea Emperor. 4.0 Goldridge.

Newcastle selections

By Michael Seely 1.45 Winning Brief. 2.15 Justafancy. 2.45 Prominent King. 3.15 Char-tered Course. 3.45 CAROLINE LAMB is specially recommended. 4.45 Kittospec Gal.

Miss Hoffmann's level By Rex Bellamy

Squash

20th consecutive year the title should go to Australia. There is By Kex Bellamy
Tony Swift, who was formerly
Britain's national coach and is
now Canada's, has returned to his
native island with a team of six
Canadian women on a 16-day tour.
They arrived on Tuesday in readiness for the most important
women's event in the fixture list:
the British open championship,
sponsored by Pretty Polly, the
hosiery manufacturers. The championship will be played at Hove
from this evening until next Thursday, with a rest day on Tuesday. no reason to suppose that any-one has advanced fast enough to bear last year's winner, Vicki Hoffmann, of Adelaide. Miss Hoffmann, a little left

has Hormann, a little left-hander, is a shrewd tactician and a tough competitor. She has an uncommonly good drop shot but otherwise depends on variations of pace in the context of geometric patterns designed with a minimum of risk. The seedings suggest that her main challengers will be Britain's leading players, Susan Cogswell and Angela Smith. day, with a rest day on Tuesday. day, with a rest day on Tuesday.

One of the Canadians, Pam
Davidson, who has played here
before, said yesterday that the
main purpose of their tour was
to gain experience in preparation
for the world championship series,
to be played in Toronto in October. There is, in fact, an unusually
interesting world championship in
progress in Toronto at the
moment: the first world doubles
championship for men, earrying a
first prize of £1,300. The first
prize at Hove is £1,500.

In Canada the women play

Canadians may fall short of

Miss Cogswell, aged 29, has been runner-up three times and her chances are not improving. Miss Smith spends most of the year coaching in Manhathu, which is not the ideal preparation for competing at hove. Indeed for competing at Hove. Indeed, some players reckon Rhonda Thorne should have been seeded third, above Miss Smith. This might have given balance to a draw that looks a little top-heavy. It is 59 years, to the month,

In Cauada the women play international "softball" squash as distinct from the "hardball" since Joyce Cave beat her sister Nancy in the first final. The championship has been contested 52 times but there have been only 14 winners. The overall version more commonly associated with North America. But their present competitive level does not the running for long at Hove, where Australian and British players dominate a 50-strong field from seven nations. For the licen higher but, simost in-evimbly, no one is in the same class as Heather MicKay, champion 16 times from 1962 to 1977.

For the record

Basketball MATOMAL ASSOCIATION: Allania Bauta 99, Indianal Pacers 96: New Jersey Nois 110, Cleveland Carabres 108: Philadelphia 767a 111, Delroi, Pistona 97; Kanasa Cilv Kinas 111, Boston Celites 113: New York Knirk 113, Boston Celites 113: New York Knirk 105, Seattle Superionics 107; Golden Siate Warriors 103, Chicano Bulb 107; Korac Cupr: Semi-inal Found, 17; It is a seattle superior 11, February More 100, February More 100, Bulb 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Rangers A. Toronto Mapir Leafs 2; Washington Capitals 5. Chicago Black Hawks 5: Minnesols North Start 5. Colorado Rocktee 2: Winnipen Jord 1. Rartford Whalers 5: Lonoot Northus 2, Los Angeles Kings 2: Boston Bruin, 7, Vancouver Candicks 6.

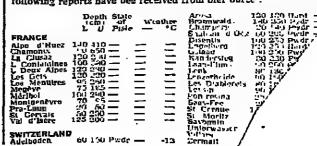
DUBLIN: Renson and Hedges from Masters: First, round D. Taylor (from land) but J. Spencer (England) 54-2, 156-65, 74-71, 74-17, 98-12, 60-51, 74-71,

Eighteen foreign runners have been invited to compete in the Balcaa (Ethiopia) and Rodolfo Gomez (Mexico) .- Reuter.

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The savage celebration of an Italian American hero

Raging Bull (X)

Classic Haymarket and other cinemas

Battle Beyond the Stars (A)

Warner West End

Dance Craze (U) Dominion

Papa les petits bateaux

Scala

There has been a lot of nonsense written about the "banning" of Martin Scorsese's Raging Bull from the Rank chain of cinemas. The story is not true, more a cover-up for the confusion caused when the premiere assumed by the dispremiere assumed by the distributors, United Artists, back-fired and Scorsese and Robert De Niro arrived for an event which was not going to take place. As a result the film opens in London at a Classic cinema but will be shown throughout the rest of Britain on the Rank

What this rash of stories what this rash of stories about censorship and the tryranny of the duopoly has dope, however, is to damage the film by drawing unnecessary attention to the imaginary reason for the imaginary banning, the bad language, Raging Bull has now acquired a quite absurd reputation for expletives when it would have been better for a public understanding of the film if attention had been drawn to the film's been drawn to the film's integrity, trying to show better than any film since Paul Newman in Somebody Up There Likes Me the quality of mind of a man who volunteers to be numerally extended. pummelled every day.

The bad language is an essential part of Raging Bull. Scorsese chose the subject, the biography of Jake La Motta, the middle-weight boxer of the language. Forties and early Fifties, because it celebrated an Italian American hero. Scorsese was brought up in New York's Little Italy, as was Robert De Niro, and much of his best work. Mean Streets and Taxi Driver, is set in a world where Italian Americans owe joint allegiance to the Pope, their family, the Matia and the

Scorsese was keen to make Raging Bull as authentic as possible. The primary reason for filming in monochrome, except for some brief home movie sequences, was to recapture the atmosphere of the old fight newsreels. Robert De Niro plays Le Motta from a young man through a punish-ing career, during which he

BBCSO/Gielen Festival Hall/Radio 3

It was enterprising of the Royal Philharmonic Society to revive Zemlinsky's Lyric Symphony on Wednesday in a performance by Michael Gielen and the BEC Symphony Orchestra. The composer's name often crops up in

The Show He Never Gave

Everyman, Liverpool

Ned Chaillet

Libel laws and living relatives contrive to cast a rosy hue over the life of the country and western star Hank Williams, but the truth survives in his frequently painful songs and the Canadian playwright Maynerd Collins knows how to use them to tell the man's story. The lyrics reveal the bitter story of his first faith-less marriage and the playless marriage and the play-wright imagines a last boozy concert on the night before Williams's death on New Year's Day 1953. Although Williams was still popular he was struggling with drugs and drink to hold on to his talent. Country music has a passion-ate following in Britain and Ken Campbell, the director of the Liverpool Everyman wans the Liverpool Everyman wants that sort of audience for the theatre. In his first season he has scooped in fans of science fiction. B movies and disco dances. The wildly responsive country fans could well be the

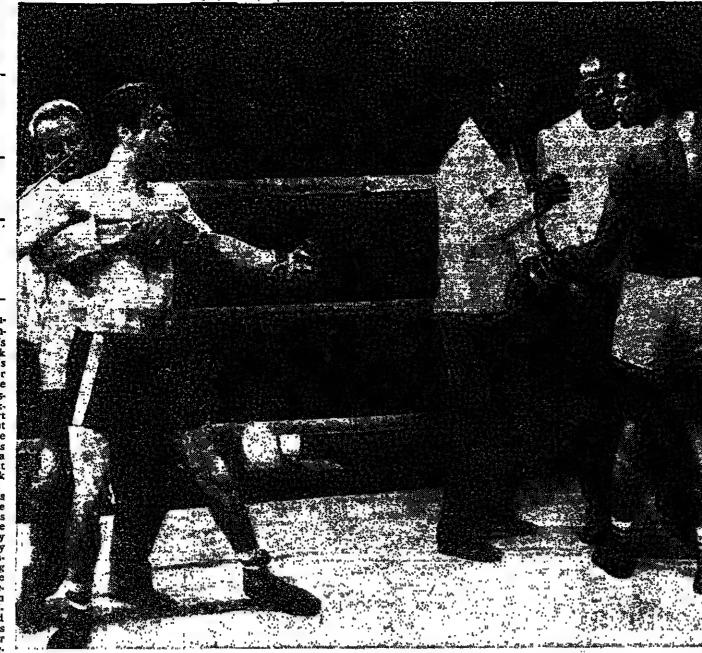
appreciative and they would certainly have been the most critical if The Show He Never Gave was not such a dynamic mix of music, truth and myth.

Those resistant to the footstomping insistency of country rbythms might find the show heavy going. It is much more a concert than a play and Mr Campbell and Terry Canning have directed it with all musical stops pulled, with the backing of a solid band, where the steel guitar of Ronnie Bennett and the fiddle of Eithne Hannigan dominate. The songs shift through moods that range through the exuberance of through the exuberance of the cajun-styled "Jambalaya" to the bitterness of "Your Chearin' Heart". It is exultant and moving theatre because it tells the story using the full potency of popular music. When Mr Collins's own writing uneasily tries to evoke evangelistic fervour it momentarily falters. The real in sights are in the music and in the remarkable performance by Carl Chase as Williams, For two hours he sustains a wilv impersonation that would de tredit to a seasoned professional. A few weeks ago Mr Chase was a Liverpool taxi-driver; he is likely to be a fully employed performer from



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The story of the Last Chrysanthemums.



Jake La Motta (Robert De Niro) taunts Sugar Ray Robinson (Johnny Barnes) in Raging Bull

became middle-weight cham-pion, to obese middle-age, end-ing up as a grubby night club comic. De Niro was so deter-mined to be true to La Motta, who is still alive, that he risked his health by putting on and taking off four stones in weight in aight months. The script is by Mardik Mar- for tin and Paul Schrader, who has push tin and Paul Schrader, who has regularly collaborated with Scorsese, based upon La Motta's ghosted autobiography, has it is evident that for a but it is evident that for a good part of the film the script was used as no more than a starting point for extemporizing. Scorsess is an admirer of the methods of John Cassavetes which throw actors back upon their own weight in eight months.

weight in eight months.

Great attention has been paid to detail. The fashlou changes are faithful. The period sounds of radio music and fight commentators are authentic. The actors chosen to play Sugar Ray Robinson, Tony Janiro and the other fighters in La Motta's career look right. And the language between the main characters is between the main characters is suitably riddled with expletives, mostly the abuse aimed at the sanctity of motherhood which obsesses Italian Catholics. The expletives become as common-place as punctuation, leaving only the most inventive to pend

writings about the Vienna of Mahler and Schoenberg, though

his works are performed very

ductor and composer; Mahler

put on one of his operas in Vienna, Schoenberg married his sister and thought the world of

him. Zemlinsky composed the Lyric Symphony in 1923, 15 years after Mahler's Das Lied

von der Erde which it markedly

seldom nowadays.

La Motta's life Without labouring the point. De Niro brings out the desire

understanding of character.

It is not surprising that De Nico is tipped for an Oscar for his playing of La Motta. He orushed away the dangers to his heart and liver which the

force-feeding to gain weight entailed with the remark

Boxers do it all the time

and he appears to have simi-larly devoted himself to the

al turmoil which governed

resembles. Eoth are song-sym-phonies, setting oriental poetry in German translations. Alexander von Zemlinsky was duite successful opera con-quite successful opera con-uctor and composer; Mahler baritone, poems from China to his by the Indian, Tagora. Both are amorous and melancholy in mood, and both base their sym-phonic arguments on a three-

Waiting for Godot

"All mankind is us, whether

we like it or not" exclaims one

of Beckett's tramps, usually

melting the heart of the spec-

home to go to. Too much has

and reuniting London audi-ences with the much loved

ences with the much loved acting partnership of John Kani and Winston Ntshona,

last seen six years ago in Sixwe Bansi is Dead. On Mr

Howarth's stage Beckett's country road becomes a sun-

cracked rock somewhere out in the veldt; Pozzo (Bill Flynn)

line, Vladimir (Kani) declares:

"I resumed the struggle"; and for once you know which struggle he is talking about.

And when Ntshona's Estragon announces that he has been beaten up by the same lot as

usual, he has no need to explain who they are. So it goes on, speech after

speech finding a precise appli-cation to South Africa's blacks,

and achieving an ironic zenith

in the scene where Pozzo returns as a blind man appeal-ing for help. "Are you friends?" he asks; to which

Mishona replies with a long, gurgling laugh that goes beyond

words. Dialogue apart, the general metaphor of endlessly wait-

ing for a simple act of justice relates directly to the new

What I have described so far are mainly me automatic effects of setting the play in South

Africa: even a pair of blacked-up whites in the lead would produce much the same result.

Ntshona adds something else,

and, while their work is as elec-

trifying as ever, it does not always serve the play. What they offer is a wonder-

The presence of Kani

enticopment.

Irving Wardle

Old Via

Mahler's has six movements to note motto figure; fortunately not the same one. By 1923 Schoenberg had

embraced atonality and was well on the way to 12-note techbiographer admits, to recom-pose the masterworks of his time, and the Lyric Symphony does fall upon the ear like a second Song of the Earth, less taut, less muscular, not quite

for self-destruction which pushed La Motta through his boxing career. He invited

punishment, coaxing his brother to punch him straight in the face without gloves, tormenting himself with the prospect of his wife's unfaithfulness attracting the most horn.

ness, attracting the most horr-ible and unnecessary wounds

to his face when losing the title to Sugar Ray Robinson and pounding his head and

bare knuckles against the walls of his cell in masochistic defiance against his unjust

imprisonment on a vice charge

Scorsese constructs the claustrophobia of Italian life so that we can understand as

insiders the pressures to con-

form Men kiss and embrace; wives look after the children

in later life.

and keep their views to them-selves; the family remains loyal whatever; the priest goes everywhere, including night-

Mafia boss says pull a fight, you pull a fight. La Motta tried to succeed on his own, without the help of the Italian network, but in striking out for himself he was to lose his fights, his health, through com-pulsive eating, his brother and, after years of domestic vio-lence, his wife and children.

Everything contributes to the success of De Niro's cen-tral performance, the slyly seductive playing of Cathy Moriarty as his wife and Joe Pesci, subsidiary and suppor-tive as broncer Joer Russey tive as brother Joey. But con-tributing most of all is Scorsese's direction, emphasizing La Motta's mental agony by the music of Pietro Mascagni, silence and slow motion. And, above all, by recreating the bestiality of the ring in a succession of exaggerated fight scenes. Raging Bull is a bleady could scenes. Raging Bull is a bloody, swollen, sweaty tribute

The sombre first movement is not unlike the Pfitzner of well on the way to 12 hote tests is not unite the First of the seven movements has solo voices; we had them in world War had never hap its own, precisely circum—Elisabeth Söderström, who pened. He had a tendency, his scribed mood. There is a soared rapturously, and Thomas conventions and the seven movements has solo voices; we had them in pened. He had a tendency, his scribed mood. There is a soared rapturously, and Thomas conventions and the world have been under the conventions of the seven movements has solo voices; we had them in the hadden the seven movements has solo voices; we had them in the hadden the hadden to be solved the seven movements has solved the hadden to be solved the seven movements had the hadden the hadde gorgeous sensuousness in the third song, with sumptuous wind and brass writing that looks back to Schoenberg's Gurrelieder; but the sixth movement deals almost entirely in two lines, the high soprano

Scorsese, like many of the New Hollywood directors, was given his first crack at commercial film-making by Roger Corman, the director turned producer. Corman's Battle Beyond the Stars, directed by Jimmy T. Murakami, is a belated attempt to jump on the Star Wars trend. Everything from the type-face in the credits and the rousingly orchestrated martial music confirms the Corman method, cashing in on the success of somebody A low budget should im-

prove pulp science fiction, as the original Flash Gordon serials proved, but this film has none of that lightness and absurdity which comes from making do. It rests heavily on making do. It rests heavily on special effects which look all too cardboard and the plot is a muddle with none of the irony which can lift even the most crummy Corman films into sublime knockabout escapism.

It was a good idea of Joe Massot, the director of Dance Craze, to set up his parade of two-tone bands as if it were a creating Look at Life film two-tone bands as if it were a creaking Look at Lije film about jiving, but the device quickly gets in the way of the music. At one stage the raucous thunder of the West Indian beat which drives bands like Bad Manners, Madness, The Bodysnatchers and The Selecter was halted entirely by wonderfully dated Pathe Newstreels. As amusing as it was to reels. As amusing as it was to hear Lady Lewisham's frightfully understanding and concerned plea for tolerance towards Fafties teenagers, the apposite parallels between music and dancing then and covered as a dampening

now only come as a dampening intrusion upon the excitement. The Scala is showing a short The Scala is showing a short season of films by Nelly Kaplan, whose work is little known in Britain and less praised. She was inspired by Abel Gance to make films and worked closely with him for ten years before associating with surrealists. Her work has often been compared to that of Luis Bunuel, Odd, then, that the film chosen to convince the film chosen to convince the press of her genius was Papa les petits bateaux, a comic strip of no obvious merit made in 1971 in which Sheila White and Michel Bouquet trip through an emity kidnapping story.

Lest week I mistaenly called Michael Powekl's film about a reprieve from purga-

about a reprieve from purga-tory, A Matter of Life and Death, by the title of Richard Fleischer's war picture Be-tween Heaven and Hell, Also, Warren Beatty's Heaven Can Wait owes as much to Alexander Hall's Here Comes Mr Jordan as it does to Expst Lubitsch's Heaven Can Wait, thick here was the still a property of the still a which borrowed the title of the play upon which Hall and Beatty's films were made but reversed the plot.

Nicholas Wapshott

part and an accompanying strand; more like Mahler, but Allen with burnished chestnus tone. Both were apt to be swamped by the flood of full orchestral sound; Mr Gielen had no time for shorn lambs in his fervent championship

Back to square one

end of general publishing by not successful; but out of the Cassell, little attention has French lessons in the Working been given to the man who gave the firm its foundation and name, John Cassell.

an expounder of self-help to the working man, was born in the squalor of one of Manches-ter's worst slums in 1817. His father was landlord of the Ring o'Bells, a stone's throw from what is now Manchester Cathedral. His father died when he was but a boy and he was taken out of school and put into the factory. He eventually found an apprenticeship

in joinery.

The great point of his life came in 1835 when he took the Teetotal Pledge in Manchester's town hall. He totally allied himself with the radical new movement, which forbade not only spirits but beer as well, and he became one of its founders.

The young than was soon speaking in and round Manchester to working-men.

Known as the "Manchester Carpenter" he would mount the platform, complete with his fustian jacket, paper hat and apron tied round his waist. He began to supplement his measure education and to seak meagre education and to seek new horizons. He was, a friend said, "young, bony, big and exceedingly rough and unculti-

Yated ...
In 1836, he set off for London on foot and carried a bag of tools with him as well as a bell to gather crowds for a Teetotal lecture. Arriving in London with three-halfpence in the packet he cought out the London with three-halfpence in his pocket, he sought out the small Teetotal societies, and soon found a position as paid lecturer. His rough exterior (he did not know how to use a handkerchief), eager spirits, and Lancashire patois made him popular. For six years he tramped the roads of England with his watchman's rattle and Teetotal tracts.

While soeaking in Norfolk

While speaking in Norfolk he met and married Mary Abbot, and she brought with her enough money for him to give up lecturing and settle in the new suburb of St John's Woods. He set himself up as a tea and coffee merchant in the City and his business succeeded, largely because of his established name in Teetotal and Noncorformist circles; throughout his life he was a Congregationalist.

But his first loyalty remained, as it would throughout his short life, the elevation by self-help of the English working man. The drunkenness of the alleys of Manchester While speaking in Norfolk

of the alleys of Manchester had left an indelible imprint on him. He started a monthly Teerotal paper which was neither a great success nor very good. He soon became involved in radical politics and stood on the fringes of Chartism. In 1848 he launched his first radical paper. a weekly first radical paper, a weekly named The Standard of Fres-

He quickly got caught up in various radical causes: the apolition of the "Taxes on Knowledge", Hungarian Knowledge", Hungarian patriots, and the movement for working class enfranchisement. He soon became friends with Richard Cobden. In 1850 he launched his first attempt at working-class publishing with a weekly news-magazine, The Working Man's Friend, a rather trenchant class publication.

Exploit the American market. It is now the American holding company that has wound up general publishing by Cassell to limit the firm to educational works. By so doing the firm back full circle to the goals set in 1852.

James Munson Hungarian cation.

Man's Friend grew his most important and successful publication, The Popular Educator. Cassell, famous in his day as This penny weekly had a vari-in expounder of self-help to ety of courses in each week, ranging from English grammar to Latin, from He brew to mechanics and book-keeping. He helped establish home extension courses and by 1887 the series had sold one million copies.

But he always wanted to edit a newspaper; Cobden had always urged him on this course. In 1853 he launched Cassell's Illustrated Paper, which ran well into this century. His earlier radicalism mellowed into a somewhat chauvinistic Palmerstonian liberalism There were numerous "spin-offs" from his periodicals that he published as books, and c. began publishing penny weekly part issues of novels.

However he had borrowed heavily, and in 1854 he crashed badly, and was only saved from bankruptcy by the inter-

vention of two printers named Petter and Galpin. Within a few years the new firm of Cassell. Petter & Galpin had cassell, Petter & Galpin had emerged: they provided the money and Cassell, the ideas, name, and contacts. There was a serialized and heavily illustrated History of England and an Illustrated Family Bible: the two were soon selling over 400,000 copies a week.
For this, and for other—and
more expensive—illustrated
books the firm turned to
Cassell's long established contacts in France. He would go to Paris and there buy the metal "electros" or copies of finished wood-cuts, which were

finished wood-cuts, which were extremely expensive. His contacts included Gustave Doré whom the new firm introduced to England. Mouths before his death the firm startled the publishing world with the first English edition of Napoleon III's Life of Caesar.

In his last years, as the publications turned more towards higher quality books and original publications, Cassell despite his declining health despite his declining health turned to new fields. While turned to new fields. While touring America to promote "my Bible" he came across the new discovery, oil. He bought out a French process for refining paraffin but it failed miserably and when he died in 1865, aged only 48, he was again near bankruptcy. His parmers would die millionaires and the firm would become one of the most successful in

one of the most successful in publishing history.

Cassell once told his close friend, Lord Broughan, that he sought "to spend and be spent " in the service of work-ing-class improvement and this is what happened. He was tall, a large man with a ready laugh and a constant cigar. He was kind, generous and honographe. He bounded rather than walked through life. It is fronic that Cassell was one of the first English publishers to exploit the American market. It is now the American hold-

happily the programme found a very beautiful contrast in

Anthony Gilbert's Towards Asavari for small orchestra

with a solo plane part scir-tillatingly played by Peter Lawson. The stated goal of the piece is raga heard

finally on muted trumpet under a gauze of excited high treble

activity, and more generally the music approaches Indian art

in its sensuality, its ornateness and its easy swing between

meditation and extremely ener-

Sinfonietta/Zollman Royal College of Music

Paul Griffiths

Electronic music has not provided us with many masterpieces since Varese's Deserts. first performance in 1954, and the work itself suggests some reasons why. Every time I hear it I am struck more forcibly by the gulf between the electronic episodes and the orchestral music that surrounds them, the new medium seeming pathetic-ally tame and dead in a context of such vigour, brilliance and subtlety. Three times Varese rips apart the fabric of score

and performance to give us his musical ideas in the direct form of sounds on tape, and on each occasion the effect is not of an adventure into new worlds an adventure into new worlds but a retreat into inarticulary. No doubt this is partly be-cause the tape is steadily deteriorating while standards of orchestral expertise constantly improve: the London Sin-fonietta, playing the work at the start of Wednesday's BBC College Concert under Ronald

Zollman, gave an exceptionally thrilling account of it. But I feel also that Varese realized he had not found the promised land when he acquired a tape recorder, that his dreams were still a long way from fulfilment.
And they still are.
To follow the clamour of
Deserts is a tall order but

getic movement.

Kurtag's Messages of the Late
Miss R. V. Troussova, for all
the vividness of its imagery and the superb artistry of the soprano soloist Adrienne Csengery, was too pat for a sequence of telegrams from some female hell.

Herodiade Collegiate

Hilary Finch

Massenet's version Salome story has always had something of a struggle to woo its public. In choosing to mark the centenary of the premiere of Herodiade by giving its first London performance since 1904, University College Opera have taken on a work that had to be partly rewritten for Paris only three years after its premiere and then both renamed and adapted to suit British tastes.

But for this Herodiade Christopher Fifield's flexibly con-trolled, spacious yet always energizing musical direction and some responsive and imagi-native orchestral playing made the most of a good deal of strung, firmly crafted writing:

only Massenet's sixth out of 27 operas, but with the seeds of Werther and Manon aiready noticeably germinating.

And if wooing was still really necessary. Christopher Renshaw's strong and persuasive production did the trick. Powerfully stylized yet never self-consciously sterile use of space, movement and lighting, within an enclosed narrowing black-tiled perspective, served always

to channel the music's expres-sive power and meticulously matched its page.
The specific dance scenes apart, it was as if the production were choreographed throughout, from the subtle interweaving crowd movements to the sharply characterized entries of each principal Robin Don's design and Trevor Collins's costumes ingeniously and not inappropriately evoked a Pre-Raphaelite Orient.

The student chorus, somewhat weakened by flactid French, were joined by a parnicularly strong cast of young professional principals, Gillian Sullivan's Salome, visually and vocally lithe and translucent, girlish vulnerability blosson ing into a strong and often thrilling top register, was powerfully complemented by Phyllis Cannan's strongly pro-

jected dramatic Herodiade. Christopher Blades as Herod tellingly fused emotional in-security with vocal assurance in his characterful buritone, Philip Doghan's John the Baptist was a steady, if at times unpenetrating lyric tenor and Roger Bry son was a musically and dramatically memorable Phan-uel. The boys of Trinity School, Croydon, and the temple cantor were no less praiseworths. There will be further performances tonight and on Saturday.

Giselle Covent Garden

John Percival

The Royal Ballet has been undouble pleasure at Coven: Garden on Wednesday in seeing Galina Samsova, recovered from her foot operation, dancing in the richness of her clothes. Norman Morrice's production of Giselle for the first time, and David Wall returning from a

long absence to partner her.

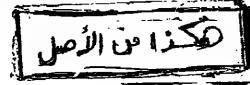
They make a good pair and, with Stephen Jefferies complementing them as Hilarion, the

dramatic heart of the ballet was beating strongly. Samsova and Wall both looked to be easing themselves back gently; there was more finesse than fireworks in this performance, but Giscile is a work that responds to such treatment. Many details sprang The Royal Ballet has been and lucky this season in the number of leading dancers absent bint of a giddy spell in Giselle's dancing early in Act I, for in-

Karen Paisey's dancing in the Ashton solo has an exuberance and musical excitement that need only a little more control for real distinction; surely she must be high on the list to dance Lise soon? Apert from

her, the solo roles did not live up to the excellence of the principals or the good dancing of the corps de ballet. The production looks better with a real balleries in the title part, but still needs much work before it can match the old staging by Ashton and Karsavina.

Readers who feel, as I do. that it would be better for audiences and dancers to give another ballet with Giselle, and those who hold the contrary view, may like to know that the Royal Ballet has been debating the arguments and has not ver decided. Reasoned letters to the director, Norman Morricc. would be timely.





John Kani (left), Peter Piccolo, Winston Ntshona

weighty, reflective, and occa-sionally surfacing with flashes of moral passion. On such terms, their mutual contact never sags, but it does inhibit the variety, the comedy, and the exchanges two) of role between Beckett's do tramps. It is true that the peopracial setting diminishes the had comic opportunities; bur even so, the performance could do with more invention and less

tary temperaments: Kani quickmoving sociable, always looking
on the bright side, Nishona
weighty, reflective, and occarhythms continually jar against those of the text. In particular there is the habit of emphasizing penultimate words: "try as one may" (as distinct from two); "there's nothing we can do" (unlike all those other people). For those who have had enough of the play, this is an illuminating event; those who have never seen it should wait for the Royal Exchange

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It seemed an appropriate pun at the time. Many people, said the Duke of Edinburgh when he formally opened the Rootes plant at Linwood in May 1953, were grateful to the motor industry for deciding "to put down Rootes in Scotland".

The £23.5m showpiece plant designed to produce 150,000 vehicles and provide employment for 5,500 workers was the first motor car factory to be built in Scotland for more than 30 years. Its construction re-presented the fulfulment of the cherished aspiration of economists, industrialists and trades unionists north of the border. As he surveyed the 278 acres which the Linwood site occupied Mr Geoffrey Rootes, then chairman of the motor group's Scottish operations, declared the company's confidence that in Linwood it had a "real winner i

Now, nearly 20 years on and millions of pounds of taxpayers' money and countless days lost through industrial action. Peugeor Citroen, the successor to the Linwood estate is planning to tear up its Scottish roots. The not unex-pected decision by the French company to run down its Scot. tish operations is its response to mounting losses and falling sales of its Talbot marques produced at Linwood.

Since the decision was announced last week, the air around Linwood has become full of bitterness, justifiable anger, and much indignant rhetoric, There is talk of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders-style "workins" and action to prevent Peugeor removing items of equipment. Later today the Opposition leader, Mr Michael Foot will add his rhetoric to the row. Tomorrow he will join Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn at the head of the march through the streets in Glasgow in protest at the growing tide

of Scottish unemployed,
Many of the Linwood
workers who, over the next few
months, will make the discomfitting transfer from the plant to the dole queues see the demise of their work-place and the loss of their jobs as a direct result of the monetarist economic policies deployed by Mrs Thatcher and her Government. But the seeds of Linwood's destruction were sown almost a destruction were suma quarter of a century ago.

socialist Government anxious to secure employment and derive political capital largely at the taxpayer's expense, but by an earlier Conservative govern-ment. A government, which like

The opinion polls put a Liberal-

social democratic alllance ahead of the field. But even

Peter Hill on the Scottish project that was doomed from the start-

to take steel out of politics.

steelmaking capacity to around

not convinced that the demand was there to be met although

followed, was concerned with attempting to provide remedies for the decline of traditional industries in the Scottish industrial heartland through intervention and financial stimu-

It was a classic example of a. Government's regional heart overruling the commercial heads, not only of ministers in the Macmillan Cabinet, but also the better judgments of the Rootes company and Scottish steel barons.

From their very conception

the fortunes (or more accurately lack of them) of the strip mill at Ravenscraig and the Linwood motor plant have been inextricably linked. As the economy has ebbed and flowed over the years, the two plants have acted as barometers of the state of health of both the steel industry and the motor industry. Now, once more, they are at the focus of political and economic debate. For with Linwood doomed to die, its demands on the capacity of the Ravenscraig strip mill for the sheet steel required to make motor cars will create a gap which must be plugged with

orders from elsewhere if the uncertainty over Ravenscraig is to be removed.

So what was the background to the decisions which have had such unfortunate repercussions for Scotland's industrial belt? From the very outset the Government's thinking greatly influenced by the need to stimulate investment and create employment in what were then called the "depressed areas " and which now are accorded the style of "assisted areas". Following the general election in 1951 of a Conservative Government committed to steel industry there was much discussion, as now, about the size of that industry, the invest-ments required to meet the expected demand for steel and, more pertinently, where those investments should take place.

The arguments raged, compounding the already considerable political difficulties with the now defunct Iron and Steel Board attempting to hold the ring. Eventually, the board agreed that RTB should be given the go-ahead to build the new surip mill at Newport and the formal approval was given in January 1959. But that was only a part of the matter.

The politicians were heavily involved in the debate and the late Jain Macleod, then The decision over the loca-tion of new strip mill capacity was described by Prof John-Valzey (now Lord Valzey) in his book, The History of British Steel, as: "The most dramatic in the postwar history of the steel industry" and reflecting Macleod,

the failure of the Government teel out of politics.

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Valzev records: "In this he mulated for an expansion in was supported by Sir David 30 million tons by about 1962. Eccles, President of the Board Within the context of that plan of Trade and John Maclay, the of Trade and John Maclay, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and their view was supported a need was perceived for the construction of a fourth strip mill. But the major firms were eventually by the Prime Mini-ster and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. By the summer of 1958, Lord Mills; the Minister Richard Thomas and Baldwins planned a major new complex at Newport (Llanwern) and Colvilles the Scottish steel company was keen to develop at Ravenscraig. of Power, was asking Colvilles whether Scotland could sustain a strip mill, which would be Britain's fifth ".

Colvilles was not convinced

The arguments raged, comand suggested that in its view it would be several years before the Scottish market would be able to absorb the production of a new continuous strip mill and warned that a full strip mill would be a financial disaster. But by October 1958 the question was not whether there should be a fifth strip mill, but as to how it could be and both strip mills were announced to the House of Commons in November 1958.

Costs rose alarmingly and by April 1962 Colvilles was almost bankrupt; further funds were provided by the Government and the banks to support the venture and a year later the Ministry of Power took up its security on the original funds.

It was on May 1, 1963, that Ravenscraig hot strip plant began production — "Colvilles was practically ruined because it had undertaken a project that it had thought unwise", recorded Professor Vaizey.

The strip mill development then had been pushed forward by political pressure—the same pressure which was applied to Rootes which; driven by the need to epand its market share, especially in exports, was auxious to expand its produc-tion facilities, around its existing home bases in the Midlands around Ryton and Dunstable.

By refusing the company an industrial development certifi-cate to expand in or around its native industrial hearth, the Government prevailed on Rootes to invest at Linwood, 250 miles north of its nearest plant, with the investment lubricated by Government aid doled out unde the provisions of the Local Employment Acts. It proved to be the watershed of Rootes's development, for not only was it against its better judgment but the small car to be produced at Linwood, the Hillman Imp, marked a new departure for the group.

At Linwood, the Rootes experience was daunting, for not only were there manpower prob-lems, but its location and the need to organize an effective and efficient logistical system made for considerable difficul-ties. The rest of the history is more familiar—the takeover by Chrysler Corporation of the Rootes operation in the mid-Sixties; the Labour Government rescue of the company in 1976 at a total cost of £162.5m; and finally the acquisition by Peugeot-Citroen of the Chrysler UK interests in December 1979

To some extent the policy worked. The village of Lin-wood which developed on the back of iron ore mines exploited during the Crimean War, blos-somed with the development. New houses, shopping facilities and rail and road links were developed, easing the chronic housing problems and social deprivations of inner city Gla-gow. But within two years of its formal opening, the site has been dubbed a running sore.

The politician's industrial dreams have proved to be a recurrent nightmare.

Cecil King: an 80th birthday tribute

Dynamic days in Fleet Street's royal family

Cecil Harmsworth King, once the ruler of the largest publishing empire in Britain, is 80 today. It may seem providential to him that he has survived into ripe old age, for he has suffered more family tragedy than most of us are called on to bear. While a boy at Winchester he lost his two brothers by enemy action. At 15, his sweetheart died of brain cancer. And in the past three years, two of his three sons have died. Yet Cecil King has always believed that he himself would be vouchsafed enough time for his needs: and perhaps more. For, as he has told us, he hated himself until he reached his sixties and lacked zest for life.

sixtles and lacked zest for life.
To protect himself from his
mother, Northcliffe's powerful
sister, he built himself a strong sister, he built himself a strong defensive system, and it was surely this which enabled him to survive his dismissal by all his fellow directors in 1968, when they decided that his personal excursions into politics were inimical to the International Publishing Corporation.

Corporation. Most men of 67 would have been shattered by this unfore-seen and sudden blow. But Cecil king stood fast and used his unwanted leisure to enter-tain, to broadcast, to write a column for The Times, and to publish an incomplete biog-raphy which described with devastating candour the prob-lems of his own personality and the characters of the

creet conversations over the dinner table. Some of them bitterly criticized him for this breach of confidence. All this side of Cecil King

is well known; and it is a side which we, his old lieutenants, cannot forger. Yet on this day, as he end his wife, Dame Ruth Raitton, celebrate his birthday in London, we may prefer to remember the other side of Cecil King: his charm, his generosities, his support of good causes, his often inconvenient devotion to truth.

He is a man of low spirits but he would easily respond to the kind of stimulus he could get from Irish reconteurs. joyous West Africans, and the blithe, eccomplished men and women who created the Mirror each day. Perhaps he finds in Dublin, where he now lives, the moments of happiness he experienced there as a boy.

Some people will recall today how Cecil King picked them out for promotion when they were young and saw that they were educated for their tasks, an editor at 24, is the best of them, and the best of them, and the best of them, and the His flair for picking executives and entrusting them with the stands of the second birds. responsibility enabled him to maintain a presence and an authority over his vast domain. It contained 12 newspapers at 11 5 I home, 11 overseas, 75 consumer periodicals, 132 trade and tech in smillinger mical journals, 20 printing establishments and a variety of saint the contract interests in newsprint, telescope in the interest in newsprint, telescope in the interest in the

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was Cecil King, six feet four, scion of the royal family of Price are of Fleet Street, in Holborn Circus; 4 Omnion a and half a mile away up Gray's distinct to occ lems of his own personality and the characters of the Harmsworths.

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The centre in turmoil 5: Geoffrey Smith assesses the support in the country

A reasonable lot—but will they stay the course?

assuming that such an alliance can be formed, how solid is the support for it? How do attitudes to the social democrats vary from one part of the country to another? In an attempt to find the answers to these questions four reporters of The Times have each been testing opinion in a particular area. Their articles have been appearing on successive days Such inquiries cannot, of course, have the statistical



in the north-east and the west Midlands, but a strong measure of support in the Southampton and towns in the home

This is not surprising. The north-east is one of the traditional Labour strongholds, where many people vote for the party from a sense of instinctional strategies. tive loyalty. It is obvious that any new party is bound to find that kind of attachment, based on habit rather than reasoning, Yet the north-east is of par-ticular importance for the social democrats because four of the 11 sitting MPs who have joined the Council for Social Demo-cracy represent constituencies from that area. Their personal appeal as good constituency members may see them through, but it cannot be encouraging for the new party if four of its leading members are condemned to fight in one of the least promising regions of the

country.

The west Midlands are rather different. They are not a solid Labour area in the same sense; indeed, one of the features of

ground for the Liberals for some years. There is therefore a tendency in these parts to see politics in a rather hardheaded way as a simple choice between two potential govern-

Buoyant days: the design team at the launch of the Hillman Imp at Linwood in 1963.

The social democrats will have to sustain their support for quite a long time before they break down the belief in the west Midlands that this means a straight choice between Labour and the Conservatives. The much stronger support for the social democrats in the Southampton area and the home counties is also not surprising. These are parts of the country where attachment to Labour is less fixed, where it does not grow so much out of the very nature of the local society. These are, indeed, just the kinds of places where one would exepect new trends to become apparent first. But to put it like this is to beg the

indicate the principal strength and weakness of the social democrats at this stage. Their strength is seen to be their freedom from dogma, in sharp and refreshing contrast to both Labour and the Conservatives.
They are the party of reasonable people for reasonable people.

Their weakness is the other

side of that coin. Not being either Labour or Conservative, what do they stand for? That is how they are seen in most people's eyes, and for the moment it may be a sufficient answer. So long as Labour seems to be drifting inexorably to the left, and so long as the Conservatives are associated with the application of an abstruse and discomforting doc-trine, there will be considerable appeal in a party that suffers from neither of these failings.

But the social democrats can-not assume that Labour and critical question: are the social democrats a new fashion which to present such inviting targets. Will soon enough go the way of other fashions? Or do they in a deeper sense?

One cannot expect samplings of local opinion to find defini-

validity of an opinion poll, but this part of the country is the tive answers to these questions, high proportion of marginal their even if definitive answers are thinking in different parts of the country. The reports seats that it contains. But it now available—which must be has not been good hunting doubtful. But the reports do indicate a good deal of scepticism about the social democrates. There is therefore and weakness of the social for granted that Labour will be democrated at this case. at great pains before the next election to present a more pleasing and reassuring face. It will not then be so easy to advance the claims of the social democrats on the simple ground that Labour has become im-

possible.

For the Conservatives the task is to change their rhetoric more than their policies. They are already a fairly pragmatic Government operating behind a smokescreen of doctrine. Lord Thorneycroft and Mr Francis Pym have been doing their best to blow away this smokescreen, and their sallies are unlikely to be the last. Whatever else they do, the social democrats are likely to pull the orbots. to be the last. Whatever else they do, the social democrats are likely to pull the other parties back towards the middle ground. Whether this will be a matter of substance or simply of appearance will not be of great electoral consequence.

reasonable approach to public affairs; from having nobody with any experience of office; and from standing no chance

of forming a government.

The social democrats have four former Cabinet ministers, high office. If they can form an electoral alliance with the Liberals, they will together look a much more serious pro-position than the Liberals have ever managed to do by them-But that still leaves the

problem of policy. It is a deli-cate problem for them because part of their attraction is that they are not doctrinaire. They will not want to lose that advantage for the sake of sounding constructive. Yet they do need to be seen to stand for something positive as distinct from avoiding the mis-takes of others, and the con-clusion to be drawn from these regional reports is that the impression they create is still

for those setting up a new party to do everything at occe, but one of their first priorities must be to issue a succinct manifesto of their aims and

Correction

Ken Gill is General Secretary of the Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section of the AUEW, and not the whole union, as stated on Wednesday. Hugh Cudlipp, whom he made to 1975.

MOSCOW DIARY

She stands alone on the stage, long tradition of balladiers and dressed all in black with a long cape sweeping down from her shoulders, her face and hands exaggeratedly white in the spotlights, her eyes sparkling, holding her guitar. She suggests chormous pent-up energy, and when she sings the soul of old Russia pours out, sad, haunting, lyrical, filling the auditorium and knocking at the hearts of young Russians with an insistent arreal to their subconscious she had time in her student days memories of their country's his- she travelled round the country tory and tradition, culture and

Barriers seem to break down. The humdrum routine and daily frustrations of the big city are lost in the darkness, swept away hy a powerful voice singing of love and betrayal, soldiers looking at the blackbirds before they die in the fields, the hardships and happiness of village life, patience, fortitude, the frost and earth of Russia. Many modishly dressed young people. the so-called jeans generation of the cynical and materialist,

songsters, but is determinedly contemporary, singing to a city audience living the realities of Soviet life today. She accompanies herself on the guitar, an instrument not traditionally associated with old Russia, but one that immediately communicates to a young audience and links her with folk singers in other countries. Her songs are not new. When

collecting them, and has reworked and adapted them, singing sometimes one variation and sometimes another. The themes are well known, but she brings to each song her own feelings and understanding, her own interpretation of eternal

Bichevskaya is something of a crusader. A warm and viva-cious woman in her early thirties, she sees folk music as a way of handing on traditional wisdom and culture, opening up a person to a wider experi-Janua Bichevskaya is unique ence of life, and, in a very Russian way, drawing out his in this country. She follows in a

"I have a great deal of rich material in my hands," she said. "For me a concert is like a seance, and I am a hypnotizer searching for the goodness that lies buried in each person which he often does not realize he possesses. People wear masks, and when I first go on stage I have to take off these masks. At the beginning of each performance I say to myself: 'Dear people, relax, believe me, I won't deceive you, forget your cares, help me.' I believe in telepathy,

and somehow what I say to my-

self is transmitted to the audi-

Authenticity is important, and for this reason she refuses to be folksy, or appear on stage in traditional peasant dress. She is not a peasant, but a third generation Musco-vite. She never lived in a village, but knows some of the hardships and deprivation from her own harsh childhood, as her mother died when she was only five. She knows she is coming as a city-dweller to the songs, and therefore the

words and the music are

switches voices, rhythm, tone, switches voices, rhythman, switc is betraying her, the spotlight blacks out, and in the sudden darkness lange discovers her mother to come. In 1972, a year after finishing at the institute, she won a national companion. darkness Janua disappears offstage. It is effective, and is the pro-

duct of five years' professional training at the Moscow Institute of Variety Art, she became in-terested in old songs while following the normal musical course, and began to feel their relevance. She acknowledges the encouragement of one of the Soviet Union's most famous balladiers, Bulad Okudjava, a Georgian whose bitter sweet songs have long been popular, a renewed reverence for the

important, not contrived costumes and character.

But theatre is also vital, as she is well aware. The lighting has to fit the themes. When she sings a ballad about a terrified daughter pleading with her calculating mother who is trying to sell the daughter into an unhappy marriage, she switches voices, rhythm, tone, letting a loudspeaker on one and consequently clashed fre-quently with authority—in a way that impressed her. "If

the best variety artist. But her style and message were not readily accepted, and she had few engagements. Soviet cultural authorities view the harking back to old Russia with some suspicion, and she has still made only two recordswhich of course, were sold out almost immediately.

old values and culture on which the Soviet Union publicly turned its back after the revolution, almost a nostalgia for a past that appears to contrast favourably with the spiritual drabness of today.

Her popularity grew. People packed her concerts, and began to circulate privately made tapes of her songs. Lyrics were sent to her by those who knew she was searching for the words to briefly heard snatches of ancient bollads. She began to go on tour, first

around the Soviet Union, then to Eastern Europe, and last year for a week to West Cermany where she received enormous critical acclaim. Last year also she won first prize in a Polish contest as "Miss Veriety Persomality", a ritle she finds amusingly flattering. During the Olympic Games she sang to the world's sportsmen in the Olympic village. She has her critics: some

people dislike the adaptation of nowadays associated with pop music. "They don't understand", she replies. "Anyway, who dies in the Second World

All the old women in the villages used to have were combs, or sproofs, or their own hands which they clapped in rbythm." She is interested that much of Russia's music is strikingly similar to early American folk music, although the songs are 20 clusely bound up

so closely bound up with Russin's history—a very bloody and rich history, as she remarked. She attributes the similarities partly to American borrowings, partly to the ritual structure of folk music, partly to marked religious influences: Russian church music in one case and negro spirituals in the other.

The Russian Orthodox Church, she believes, was important in creating a sense of theatre—icons, candles, ritual prepoted people psychologically for belief. Folk music had to do the same.

She also regards her songs as political in the broadest sense:

When I sing about the soldier who dies in the Second World

Michael Binyor

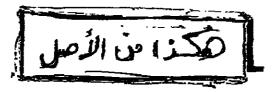
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A WARDEN FOR LAME DUCKS

Government's concessions to the miners have averted the threat of a damaging strike in the pits. That will be determined over the next few days. But even if minis-ters have succeeded in their aim, their retreat is a critical event in the life of this Government. They cannot be criticized for giving way before the miners. The Government is quite simply in no position to resist their demands. national strike would be damaging to the economy and destructive of the Government's political position because it would imply that this administration had fallen into exactly the same trap as Mr Heath and his colleagues. Concessions at some stage were therefore inevitable and it is much wiser to concede hearly rather than late.

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While this is the prudent course, the implications should be recognized. The inadequacy, some would say the non-existence of the Government's industrial strategy has been exposed. The theory was that lame ducks in the private sector would have to survive on their own or perish. In the public sector expenditure would be kept under control through the application of cash limits. Within those limits it would be for the industry concerned to decide how it could afford to pay its workers. Of they insisted on extracting more than the industry could afford then it would have to curtail its activities, which would mean reducing the number of people it employed. The Government would stand back and allow the discipline it had imposed to have its effect.

In practice, however, it has all worked very differently. The Government has not found it possible simply to impose cash national recession are attributed

limits in the public sector and then to stand back. In the case of steel, of British Leyland, of the railways and now of the coal mines, the Government has not found it possible to say a refound it possible to say : so much money and no more. It has failed to control public expenditure as much as it had hoped and has thereby imposed extra pressures on private industry. There is, it is true, little prospect of a rescue operation for Linwood and a good many smaller companies have gone to the wall. But much money has been poured out for the succour of lame ducks.

So in fact the Government has been much less severe than it threatened, or promised, to be. That is understandable. A govern ment cannot sit back and watch a development as damaging to the national interest as a steel or a coal strike simply take its course. But that means that the technique of automatically securing economy in public spending through the instrument of cash limits is unrealistic. It can be applied for part of the time, but not when the going gets rough. Where a union has industrial strength it can exercise that strength so as to force the abandonment, or at least the stretching, of the cash limits themselves. That is what has happened now over the coal

Yet the Government has not in general modified its rhetoric in line with its actions. This means that it is getting the worst of all worlds. Those who favoured the original strategy are disappointed that it is not being applied 'more rigorously and effectively. Those who never liked it are led to believe that a severe policy is still being implemented with unrelenting vigour. So the consequences of an interto the deliberate actions of an administration that is in fact failing to live up to its harshest threats.

There is a good reason why a number of ministers, most not-ably including the Prime Minister herself, have not amended their rhetoric. Their original industrial strategy may not be working. It may no longer even be being tried consistently. But no other strategy has been devised to put in its place. This has two damaging effects. It inclines ministers -with some distinctive exceptions, like Mr Pym, and from outside the Government itself the party chairman, Lord Thorney-croft—to go on defending what they are now doing in terms of what they bad earlier intended to do. Secondly, it means that their enforced pragmatism is less coherent than it might be-Ministers find that, despite their old principles, they have to intervene; but they are not intervenaccording to any new

The first need therefore is to have a Secretary of State for Industry who can provide a new industrial strategy. Sir Keith Joseph was the principal archi-tect of the old one. But he is neither acting according to it nor supplying an alternative. He has performed many valuable services for the Conservative Party. He is a stimulating and provocating thinker whose devotion to the public good is beyond question. The time has come, however, for him to hand over this critical task to someone else at the first opportunity. The Government cannot hope to prosper so long as there is this lacuna at the centre of its policy, and there can be no doubt that someone else is required to provide the radical rethinking on this administration's future will largely depend.

SMALL STEPS TOWARDS REFORM

With the announcement of its proposals for agricultural price increases for the coming year the European Commission has taken the first step in what is likely to be a hotly contested pro-tess. The proposals now go to the Council of Ministers for discussion, and it is no secret that there will be sharp differences of opinion. Britain wants to limit he price increases as far as is possible but many other coun-ries, particularly France will egard the Commission's proposals as too low, and argue for aigher increases. The process is mportant for farmers, whose ivelihood depends on the outome, and for consumers, who vill have to pay the resulting prices in the shops. But what is, ifter all, a normal negotiating recedure, comparable to the gricultural price review that used to be conducted in this ountry, has taken on added sig-ifficance because of the place hat the common agricultural olicy has come to occupy in the luropean Community.

The policy has done a great

eal to raise the standard of iving of farmers, particularly he bigger and more efficient nes. But it has also led to overroduction, to surpluses that are xpensive to store and dispose and to a situation in which bout 70 per cent of the Comunity budget is taken up by gricultural spending, to the xclusion of spending on other, qually important sectors. Do he Commission's latest proposals ontribute to putting things ight? Given the realities of olitical life in the Community hey are a small step in the right irection; but they are only proposals, and on past form it between pressures from its will be very hard to get the Ministers of Agriculture to accept very much of them.

The proposals are a complex package which combines price increases ranging from 4 to 12 per cent, depending on the product, with measures to discourage farmers from increasing production unduly. These measures are based on the principle of "coresponsibility" by which, if a farmer produces more than a certain amount, he is held to be partly responsible for the cost of disposing of the resulting surplus; in some cases he has to pay a tax, in others there is a reduction in the price he receives. The main effect of these measures would be to limit the open-ended price guarantee that farmers have often; had, regardless of the amount they produced. For this they are to be welcomed. They have already been introduced in a small way for dairy products and sugar; the Commission now proposes to extend them to other products such as cereals, beef, olive oil, tohacco, fruit and vegetables.

The price increases themselves, estimated to average some 7.5 per cent, are the highest pro-posed by the Commission in recent years, but they are still below the Community's inflation rate. The main farmers' organization, COPA, has asked for 15.3 per cent. France is expected to press for an increase in the Commission's proposed figures. spurred on by the presidential election in April and May, when farmers' votes could be vital to President Giscard d'Estaing's hopes of reelection. West Germany is in two minds, torn

farmers and the need to keep down its contribution to the Community budget. Britain, too, is in a dilemma. The Treasury wants to keep price increases to a minimum but Mr Peter Walker, like other Ministers of Agriculture, is apt to think of farmers interests first. He is opposed to the Commission's proposal of a revaluation of the green pound, which would limit the cost to the consumer of the price increases, but also limit gains to farmers.

Whatever the fate of the Commission's proposals, the difficul ties created by the workings of the common agricultural policy remain. On the one hand it is unreasonable to deny farmers price increases at a time of inflation. But by its reliance on a single price, set at a level which will be more or less tolerable to smaller, inefficient farmers, the Community encourages overproduction; and not only does the cost of disposing of surpluses crowd out spending in other areas, but a country like Britain, which produces very little of the surpluses, finds itself financing much of the expense.

These are the basic issues, at least as far as Britain is concerned, and they will come up in the second half of this year when the issue of restructuring Community spending is tackled.
There are ways in which the inequities of present arrangements can be ended, such as by modifying the system of price guarantees or by shifting the burden of financing the surpluses. The Commission's proposals are only one step on a long road, and even they have still to be adopted.

light on the beaches

rom Mr P. M. Barlow. ir, It is depressing to observe that ifficulties are still being encounered in reaching agreement with ther EEC member states on a com-con fisheries policy. It is right hat we should be concerned about be preservation of salt-water fish tocks, but I think that the time has ome for attention to be drawn to a aspect of the "up to the eaches" claim currently being ade by the French Government, hich has received scant attention

I refer to the threat that an "up the beaches" policy would imose on reignatory fish stocks, that ose on Rigratory fish stocks, that I to say sea troot and particularly almon. Parts of the United Kingon, especially Scotland and Vales, enjoy rivers which are pure nough to support substantial runs f migratory salmonids. Much ffort and British money is exended in ensuring the continued urity and improvement of these atters and the maintenance of their sh stocks. sh stocks.

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Since 1965 some 1,000 metric onnes of salmon per annum have seen taken from the Greenland ishery and most of those fish were prawned in the streams of the Inited Kingdom, the Irish Repubic, and Norway. Last year the agoese took 700 tonnes of grilse rom the vicinity of the Faroes.

These depredations on the stock is the property of the property of the faroes. nalmon are already very serious and threaten the survival of the

species. A "fish up to the beaches" policy would vastly in-crease the threat to the survival of migratory salmonids by opening the approach routes of these fish to their spawning rivers to all the their spawning rivers to all the fishermen of the Common Market, some of whom seem to have no understanding of the word "conservation", and whose governments seem either powerless or unwilling to control them. We have already seen what has happened to the North Sea tuna and the herring as a result of overfishing, and salmonids are much more vulnerable.

more vulnerable.

It is therefore essential that Mr
Walker be urged to ensure that no
agreement on fisheries policy is agreement on tisheries policy is reached in Brussels without a 12-mile exclusive zone for the United Kingdom as a minimum requirement. Anything less would spell disaster.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. BARLOW,

Barley Close, Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxfordshire. February 12.

EEC budgets

From Mr Richard Balfe, MEP for London Inner South (Labour) Sir. Recent stories about excessive expenditure by the European Parliament carry either an implication or a direct statement to the effect that no one other than the European Parliament can control expenditure.
The expenditure of the European Parliament is regulated under what is known as the "gentlemen's agree-

ment": an arrangement whereby the ministers of the member states agree not to interfere in the budget of the Parliament, in return for a similar undertaking from the Parliament in respect of the budget of the Council of Ministers: A number of members of the

Budgets Committee of the European

Parliament, including some but not all of the Conservatives, have been campaigning since our election in June, 1979, for an end to this cosy arrangement.
It is, therefore, not true to say

that member governments can have no control over the expenditure of the European Parliament Members of Parliament in the House of Commons, some of whom, as members of the previous indirectly elected European Parliament, will have had considerable experience of have had considerable experience of the "junkets" should be helping us by pressing Tory ministers to insist on reviewing the "gentle-men's agreement", which was of course accepted by Sir Harold Wilson at the time of the renegotiations.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BALFE, 259 Barry Road, SE22. February 16.

Evening the score

From Mrs Daphne Slater Sir, There has been much publicity lately about photo-copying music, with schools and choirs receiving serious fines.

May I put another point of view that of the private music pupil? As a piano teacher myself, I do my best to keep music expenses to the minimum for my pupils, even to the extent of searching out clean second-hand copies.

Imagine my chagrin then, when for my daughter, aged 13, I have to pay 16 for one piece set in her grade V Associated Board cello exam. The only way she can have the two movements required from a Vivaldi sonata, is to purchase the whole volume of six sonatas.

Is it any wonder musicions turn to photo-copying in desperation? Yours sincerely, DAPHNE SLATER 10 Provost Road, NW3. February 18.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civil Service pay grievances

From the General Secretary of the Association of First Division Civil

Servants

Sir, Your leading article, "Civil saboteurs?", on February 19 perfectly captures the dilemma in which civil servants find themselves today. Indeed my own association, which represents senior administrawhich represents senior administra-tive and related specialist staff, is doing what only a few years ago would have been unthinkable, con-ducting a ballot of members to decide whether we should join in industrial action now being planned by the Council of Civil Service Unions.

If we do, it will not be in pursuit of a large pay increase this year. It will be because we see no other way to try and persuade the Government to restore an orderly system of pay determination in the Civil Service. determination in the Civil Service. The alternative, merely to continue as we have for the past six months to present rational arguments to an unhearing and uncaring Government, will lead to further discrimination against the Civil Service and a resulting decline in the standards of service which it provides.

It is meritally because as your

It is precisely because, as you say, industrial action by the Civil Service will seem to others like "a conspiracy to sabotage crucial parts of the financial business of the state " that there needs to be a method of fixing Civil Service pay which is felt to be fair by the Civil Service, by the Government and by the public.

If the Government object to certain features of the purchase which

tain features of the system, which lasted for 25 years until its recent suspension by Government, they suspension by Government, they are free to suggest modifications which can be discussed rationally under the provisions of the agreement. Instead, however, they have behaved in an arbitrary and discriminatory manner which has seriously undermined the mutual trust which should exist between

trust which should exist between Government and Civil Service. There is still just time for the Government to point the way towards restoring an orderly pay regime for the Civil Service. They will find this association—and, I am sure, our colleagues—ready to

Yours faithfully, JOHN WARD, 17 Northumberland Avenue, WC2 February 19.

The Church and divorce

From Mr F. R. Clabburn Sir, The letter from Bishop Mervyn Stockwood (February 13) gently clarifying attitudes of the Church of England to remarriage of divorced persons, saddened me. Not that I disagree with him. His comments show a commendable logic and realism. No, my sadness comes from the necessity to discuss this matter

Many religious organizations, in particular church denominations, have been free to conduct such remarriages for many decades. My own, the Unitarians, have remarried divorced persons for most of this century, as, I am sure, have others.
In our increasingly pluralist matic intransigence of sections of the established Church will reflect upon all who choose to associate with religious groups. It is hardly a wonder that few people find church life relevant to their own when commonly accepted attitudes are blindly rejected because obscure texts are interpreted to justify fixed ideas.

My call is not for "trendiness":
—although what is on the edge of
acceptability today is often taken for granted tomorrow. It is rather a call for relevance, and for an awareness among church people, especially the "leaders", that they are responsible more to living souls, with real changing needs, than to dead or dying beliefs and a society's rules and norms long outdated.

Sincerely, FRANK R. CLABBURN, Pikes Ghyll, Ashstead Lane, Godalming, Surrey. February 15.

Cutting reply From Sir Blanshard Stamp

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Sir, The letter from the Chairman
of Southern Gas (February 14) uo
doubt sets out the procedure which
should be followed before a supply
of gas is disconnected. My own
recent experience of another branch
of the British Gas Corporation
leaves me with the impression that
it does not work out quite in the it does not work out quite in the way it should.

way it should.

I quite recently received what Mr Rhodes describes as a "final reminder". It was in fact the first and only "reminder". It was dated January 13 and said that if my account was not paid in full "at the end of seven days the supply might be cut off". The notice was dated January 13 (a Tuesday), the envelope was postmarked January 15 and the notice was received by the

and the notice was received by the second post on Monday, January 19—is on the sixth day.

I could not help thinking that it would save much money and trouble if payment by cheque within a specified time after delivery of the account could be made in a prepaid envelope. So nice to save 11p and an encouragement to the more and an encouragement to the more indolent of us to pay quickly and enrich the corporation | Yours faithfully,

BLANSHARD STAMP, 30 Hanover House, St John's Wood High Street, NWS. February 16.

Rates and taxes From Mr B. Griffiths

February 16.

Sir, So Mr Gerald Kaufman pro-Sir, So Mr Gerald Kaufman pro-poses to replace the present rating system by taxes. I seem to remember that Mrs Thatcher and her party had the same idea when in Opposition.

What happens to these plous proposals when oppositions become governments? Perhaps Mrs

governments? Thatcher or Mr Kaufman could enlighten us. Yours faithfully, B. GRIFFITES, The Ridgeway, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Trade unions and the Labour Party

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour) Sir Ken Gill (feature, February 18)

is right to stress the historical link between the trade unions and the between the trade unions and the Labour Party. He is also absolutely right in emphasizing the importance in strengthening rather than , weakening this link. However, he fails to begin to address himself to the key issues facing the Labour Party.

What puzzles me about the resent debate is not that Labour present debate is not that Labour Party supporters are now asking for a greater say in the running of their party in Parhament, but that it has taken so long for this demand to surface. Britain has a parliamentary system on to which political parties were grafted. The Labour Party is the only party to start in the country and then seek representation in Parliament. The other parties existed first in Parliament. parties existed first in Parliament and then built up an organization

and then built up an organization in the country.

How one strengthens the role of party member and activist has led to a major division between those of us on the left of the party. Some of us, and I include myself here, argue that the democratization of the party should be carried out in such a way as to strengthen parliamentary government. Others, to use Bagehot's phrase, propose reforms which will turn the parliamentary system into the dignified part of the Constitution behind which a very limited party democracy operates.

limited party democracy operates. This difference of opinion can be seen on the question of the election of the Labour leader. I support an electoral college with full trademion participation. But for the trade unions to participate in an acceptable way will require changes from the trade unions themselves. At the present time their decision-making process reflects their industrial job and their accountability to all their members. All members have rights in governing what trade unions do on the industrial front; but all members do not have rights in the election of a Labour leader. Communists, Conservatives, Trot-

skyites and what have you do not have a legitimate right to participate

have a legitimate right to participate in Labour Party elections.

Ken Gill is wrong to try and dismiss the one-man, one-vote principle as a right-wing invention. Of course the straction of this idea has been weakened by the fact that a number of right-wingers have undergone Pauline conversions after failing to keep the franchise limited to the parliamentary party. But I would be very surprised if we don't have one-man, one-vote in all of the would be very surprised if we don't have one-man, one-vote in all of the constituent parts of the electoral college within a 10-year period. The reason for this optimism is that events will move our way. Trade union executives at annual conferences rightly reflect the differing political views of the rank and file. It is totally proper that these bodies It is totally proper that these bodies should decide trade union policy. But there will be a growing public outcry as people realize the basis on which trade unions are helping

to elect a Labour leader. to elect a Labour leader.

I want trade unions to play a full part in the Labour Party. But now they have decided that we should have an electoral college, they have a duty to find a means of voting in Labour Party matters which party members will accept as being legitimate. Yours faithfully.

FRANK FIELD, House of Commons. February 18.

From Mr Gordon Smith Sir, It is doubtful whether, in the long run, your eulogies of Mrs Shirley Williams (leading article, February 10) "kindness, compas-sion, humanity", etc will benefit her chances of leading a successful government: Neither she nor that other charming person, Mr David Steel, has the remotist idea of how to deal with inflation, or how to pegotiate with a trade union leader of the calibre of Mr Arthur Scargill.

Yours frinkfully, GORDON SMITH, 44 Devoushire Street, W1. February 13.

Family matters From Lady Brook

Sir, When a young girl risking-pregnancy has the courage and forepregnancy has the courage and tore-sight to ask a doctor for contra-ception the doctor has a grave responsibility to listen and to give the information, advice and treat-ment that will best help this par-ticular patient. In her flurry of indignation Dr White (February 17) appears to have misunderstood the nature of this crucial counselling which may determine the future life of the young girl and her family. A doctor who moralises and scaremongers instead of listening may simply be writing a prescription for

pregnancy.

Last year 58,000 young people came to the 17 Brook Advisory Centres, most of them seeking help with contraception. Two per cent were girls aged under 16. Some came with their mothers, some with an elder sitter or friend, some with an older sister or friend, some with their boyfriends, and some nervously alone. Our policy has always been their parents if they have not already done so and to work with teenagers and parents together to maintain the lowing support of the

The careful counselling provided by the doctors and social workers gives young girls an opportunity to explore their feelings about them-selves, their boyiriends and their families. Contrary to Dr White's expectation, the counselling includes not only contraception where appropriate, but also information and advice about the legal age of consent and the risks of pregnancy, cancer of the cervix, and venereal

I, too, heard the statement on television by a family-planning nurse that she had seen a girl of 12 put on the pill in 10 minutes flat. Unlike Dr White I stayed tuned long enough to hear a doctor cast doubts on the statement. It certainly would not happen at Brook, and I doubt whether it happens at all. Yours, etc. HELEN BROOK, President,

Brook Advisory Centres, 153a East Street, SE17.

From Mrs P. D. Riches Sir, Mrs Caroline Woodroffe, of the Brook Advisory Centres (February 18) brings up that old chestnut that under-age children must be supplied with contraception to prevent abortions: Yet the very statistics she quotes show that the policy the Brook has been carrying out over

the years is counter-productive.

The reason is simple: the more contraception has been made available to under-age children, the more recruits have been drawn in, resulting in more sexual activity. Since the pill and other forms of contraception depend on regular use for effectiveness, they are notoriously unreliable when used by immature and feckless adolescents. So it is that we see more pregnancles, abortions, venereal disease, and cancer of the cervix resulting from premature sexual intercourse.

There is an issue of even greater importance. If, as a nation, we really believe we have lost control of our children to the extent that the only care and help we can offer them is the provision of "protectives" behind the backs of their parents, then there is little hope for society. When we as a nation give 100 per cent back-up to parents and the family with care and not false expediency to our children, we will be on the right road.

Yours sincerely, VALERIE RICHES, Hon Secretary, The Responsible Society, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

February 18.

Harman case questions

From Mr Anthony Vale Sir, In contrast to the extraordinary sur, in contrast to the extraordinary attitude to litigation taken by the Court of Appeal (report, February 7), the United States courts have held that there is a presumption in favour of public inspection and copying of any item entered into evidence at a public session of a trial

After one of last year's Abscam trials, in which one of the main items of the prosecution's evidence was a videotape of the defendants taking bribes, NBC applied to the court for permission to copy the tape. The United States Court of tape. The United States Court of Appeals in New York held that NBC was entitled to copy the tape, saying that once evidence has become known to members of the public, including the press, through their attendance in court, it would take the most extraordinary circumstances to justify restrictions on the opportunity of those not physically in attendance to see and hear the in attendance to see and hear the

evidence. In America, where discovery usually yields many more docu-

ments than in English proceedings, the problem of preserving confi-dentiality is met by the device of a protective order. Such an order, which will typically be agreed upon by the parties, might provide that the documents be shown only to ses who need to review the contents of the documents of the documents. The burden is always upon the party seeking pro-tection to establish the need for it, and the need is much more easily established in pretrial proceedings.

It seems ironical that the Court of Appeal was so concerned about the private nature of Williams's action. Williams appears not to have

complained about Miss Farman's use of the documents. And what of the action itself? The conditions in which Williams was confined are obviously a matter of concern to him, but is not the concern of the public far greater, namely to see that the government of prisons is civilized and not inhumane? Yours faithfully. ANTHONY VALE 448 Berkley Road

Haverford, PA 19041, February 11.

Uphampton,

Ombersley,

Worcestershire.

February 13.

Droitwich,

Mr Paisley's declaration

From Mr J. Enoch Powell, MP for South Down (Ulster Unionist) Sir, Ulster people should also remember about Carson (besides Dr. Montgomery Hyde's points in The Times of February 17), that he condemned devolution for Ulster unless it was in a context of "devolution all round" or federation, exactly what was laid down in the Portrush declaration of 1974, upon which the tion was founded.

He said (March 19, 1914, Hansard, col 2276): "When you separate one class (of subjects) and say they are to be treated separately from all the rest of the United Kingdom, and furthermore are to be handed over to their traditional enemies, then the right to fight arises I am, Sir, your obedient servant, I. ENOCH POWELL, House of Commons. February 17.

Ready to tackle life From Mr P. R. Amphlett

From Mr P. R. Amphiert
Sir, I trust that the Rugby Football
Union, when considering the report
of the Burgess committee (details,
February 2), will remember the
dictum of the Hon G. W. Lystelton,
a housemaster at Eton College
early this century, who wrote, "in
the grum struggle for fame the game
loses its primary which is loses its primary object which is recreation. It has nothing of recreation about it; it is the real business of life, oppressive and almost ludicrous in its seriousness." A plague on Eurgess, his committee and his leagues. Yours faithfully. P. R. AMPHLETT, Birds Farm,

Historic buildings threatened

From Mr William Bell and others Sir, We have been concerned for some time at the way in which the Department of the Environment seems to be neglecting some of its responsibilities in relation to architectural conservation, but Dr Arnold Taylor's letter (January 31) reveals a state of affairs even more dire

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than we had supposed.

It is particularly sad that this
should be so when we have an
Environment Secretary clearly committed to conservation, who has
taken wise and often courageous
decisions on individual threatened
building since he has been in buildings since he has been in office. Our admiration should not, however, blind us to the fact that important parts of his department are in disarray. The fact that fewer than five investigators are now employed full time on the vital work of listing buildings in the whole of England and Wales is only one symptom of a department which seems intent on its own destruction. seems intent on its own destruction. The rundown of its ancient monu-ment building traits organizations, which provide an immensely impor-tant training ground for traditional restoration skills, is tragic.

The disastrous effect of economies of this kind which threaten to destroy the department's inherit-ance of wisdom and experience is the more saddening when viewed against the waste which the department is party to in the Natural History Museum modernization

scheme We believe that, notwithstanding the lower figures previously can-vassed, a realistic estimate for the project is probably in excess of £30m, an immense sum which, even allowing for phasing, can surely only be achieved by large-scale neglect or indefinite postponement of many other, far more urgent, works of major maintenance and improvement. In preparation for this unbelievably wasteful (and perhaps never to be completed) scheme we are soon to witness the demolition of a large part of one of the best buildings by Alfred Water-

house, one of our greatest architects.

May we suggest that the departments concerned should not allow themselves greater latitude than would be given to a private owner of a listed building. Under the new Local Government Planning and Land Act an owner who has listed building consent to demolish can be prevented from proceeding until he has actually let the contract for the new building to go on the site. Let new building before it demolishes any part of the masterpiece in its

Better of course, by far, to set an example of good housekeeping by adopting a less destructive scheme of improvement. A fraction of the sum now being talked about would pay for an urgently needed 10 new listing investigators, 50 or so monu-ment guardians, a dozen highly skilled building craftsmen and the rental of their workshops for 20 years or more.

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM BELL, Chairman, Historic Buildings Committee, Greater London Council, John Betjeman, LOUIS BONDY, REILLY.

LAN L. PHILLIPS. JOHN SUMMERSON, The County Hall, SEL February 19.

Larguage on the air

From Mr H. E. Bell' Sir, Few Parliamentary speeches are memorable; but I wonder why the media ignored a House of Lords debate on European education on february 2 in which among much good sense Baroness Young, comparing us with other countries, stated: "Our television and cinema probably give less opportunity for children to hear a foreign language spoken." Are the IBA and BBC considering this?

considering this? There is one small change by which television could do a great deal of good. At present whenever a person on the screen starts to speak in a foreign language the voice is faded almost completely and an English summary of what is being said is superimposed. Such a summary could just as easily be prepared and presented in the form

of sub-titles.

Every translation is a sidestep from the truth of the original. To broadcast the actual words would not only be truthful; it would help to familiarise people, and children in particular, with other languages, and those viewers who are able to follow what is actually being said would not be frustrated and deprived. Yours sincerely.

H. E. BELL,
Office of the Registrar,
The University of Reading,
February 13.

Natural selection From Mr Richard Need

Sir, You report (February 16) that Professor Randolph Quirk has given five reasons why English is a popular international language. I offer a sixth: that English is comparatively easy to learn, being free from these frills and furbelows that cluster and complicate other lan-gueges without adding to their

usefulress. English verbs, for example, hardly conjugate; nouns (apart from pro-nouns, which have an accusative case) do not decline at all; English scerns the pointless absurdity whereby inonimate objects are given genders; an adjective equally well describes one of this or two of those without having to "agree" in gender and number: the definite

article has only one form and does not have to "agree" either. Add to all this (and much more) simple and logical sentence structure and it becomes obvious why English was the automatic choice of writers such as Shakesbeare, of writers such as Duracourage Milton and Wodehouse. Foreigners were bound to wake up sooner or

later. Yours faithfully. RICHARD NEED. 49 Bonner Hill Read. Kingston upon Thames, February 18.

£27,000 for 1865 Krieghoff painting of Indians

persuon with a collector. It was one of a number of items from Hingaston House, near Sturminster Newton.

There was more furalture at Christie's, most notably a Dutch burr-walnut and marquetry bureaucabiner with a near the continuous and pewter and marquetry and meralwork at Sotheby's and Continuous pewter and marquetry and meralwork at Sotheby's and Continuous pewter and marquetry and meralwork at Sotheby's and continuous pewter and marquetry and the auctioneers were on the mark with an estimate of from £4,000 to £6,000.

Christie's, most notably a Dutch hurr-walnut and marquetry bureau-cabinet with two glazed cupboard doors and a bombé base, which went to a dealer from Putney for £15,000 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). In a carpet section a large Heriz

In Somerset, Lawrence of Crewkerne offered furniture, making £107,099; with less than 0.75 from £1,800 to £2,500, made per cent bought in. A small. £6,000. The sale produced the sale made £33,402, with graph of a London dealer in competition with a collector. It was one of a number of items from also included one lot of outstand.

QC, Recorder of London, Others present included:
The High Commissioner for New Zesland; Lard Astor of Hever, Lord Irudenan of Kont, Lord Campbell of Croy, and Lord Bradbury, with their ladies.

Apostolic Delegate
The Lord Privy Seal and Lady
Caroline Gilmour were the guests
of honour at a dinner given by
the Apostolic Delegate at the
Apostolic Delegation yesterday.
The other guests were:
The Ambassador of Finland and time
Tollurman. Mary Duchess of Rosburghe, Lord and Lady Rupert Nevilli,
the Hon Lady Adams. Sir Charles
and Lady Forto, Mr Dennis C. R.
Pohrson. Mgr Maria Oliver and Father
Kieran Conry.

Engineers
Mr J. W. Baxter, chairman of
the Association of Cousulting
Engineers, presided at their
annual dioner held at the Hilton
hotel yesterday. Mr Norman
Fowler, Secretary of State for
Transport, and Lord McAlphre of

tion at reduced rates and many

others have been sold since the publication of the work in North America last November. It costs £850, but the company said it had

already sold more than 7,000 sets. Just over 3,000 have gone to North America.

About 65 per cent of the sets have been bought by institutions

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Intelligence Corps, lunches with members of the Grey and Green Club, Artillery House, Handel Street. 12-50; as Admiral of Royal Naval Sailing Association attends commodore's dinner at HMS Dolphin, Gosport, 7-35.

The Prince of Wales Colonel in

port. 7.35.
The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Regiment of Wales, receives freedom of Swansea on behalf of regiment, 2.50,

2.30,
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
dines with members of 600
Squadron Officers Dining Club,
Merchant Taylors' Hall, 7.30.
Exhibitions: Anna Paviova, costumes and photographs, Museum
of London, 150 London Wall,
10-6; Sculptures, drawings and
graphics by Leonard Baskin.
Cottage Gallery, 9 Hereford
Road, 10-6; Pamina Mahrenholz, paintings and drawings,
Ben Un Gallery, 21 Dean Street,

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music dictionary sold

7,000 sets of 'New Grove'

Association

Music Reporter



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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February 19: Today is the twentyfirst Anniversary of the Birthday
of The Prince Andrew.
His Excellency the Marques de
Perinat and the Marquesa de
Perinat were received in farewell
audience by The Queen and took
leave upon His Encellency relinquishing his appointment as
Anthassador Entraordinary and
Plenipotentiary from Spain to the
Court of St Lance's.

Court of St James's.
Group Captain Leonard Cheshire,

Group Capiain Leonard Cheshire, VC had the honour of being received by Her Kajesty when The Queen invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning addressed the Young People and Training Conference, organized by the Joint Industry Training Edards, at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, 59/1. Lord Rupert Nevill was in

The Prime of Wales will visit Washington and Virginia, United States, from April 30 to May 3 after his visit to New Zealand. He will have dinner with President Reagan in the White House and will receive an honorary fellowship from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg.

The Duke of Eduburgh, as patron of the Duke of Eduburgh's Award, will attend a dinort in connexion with the scheme at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, on Februare 24.

The Duchess of Kent will present the facelift awards for architects and stedents at the Royal Institute of British Architects on March 26. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ben Hutchings will be held at noon on Thersday, Feb-ruary 25, ut 8t Chement Dades Church, Strand, WC2.

Birthdays today

The Fight Rev George Appleton, 79; Mr Smiford Bourne, 81; Mr Peter Ford, 69; Dr Ruth Gipps, 60; Sir Owain Jenkins, 74; Rear-Admiral Sir Rowland Jerram, 91; Commandam Dame Marion Kettlewell, 67; Mr Cecil King, 80; Sir Peter Macdonald, 63; Projessor Sir William Mansfield Cooper, 78; Sir Frederick Page, 64; Mr Sidney Politic, 54; Dame Marie Rambert, 93; Air Marshal Sir Abthony Selway, 72.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Nicholas Vandervell was christened Katherine Elizabeth Jane by the Rev Gary Davies at the Church of St Mary The Boltons on Monday, February 16. The godperents are Mr and Mrs. Martia Scadgell, Mrs Jane Brown and Mrs. Michael Chittenden. and Mrs Michael Chittenden.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Justice Fox to be a member of the Privy Council on his appointment as a lord justice of Mr Gerald Corless to be Chief Executive of the London Borough of Southwark.
Mr Cluris Bond to be artistic director of Liverpool Playhouse and Mr Eill Morrison. Mr Willy Russell and Mr Alan Bleasdale to

marriages Mr M. N. C. Bradley and Miss C. Forbes

Forthcoming

By Huon Mallalieu
A sale, of paintings at Bonhams
yesterday was considerably enriched by a picture of Huron
Indians with a sledge, dated 1865,
by Cornelius Krieghoff, the
Dutchman who spent much of his
career in Casada,
It was bought for £27,000 by
I Mirchall and Sons, the London The engagement is announce hetween Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Bradley, of Lyming-ton, Hampshire, and Catriona, daughter of Commander lan Forbes, of Lockerble, Dumfrlesshire, and Lady Penelope Cator, of Henliam, Beccles, Suffolk.

J. Mitchell and Sons. the London dealers, in collaboration with the Nanuge Gallery of Halifax, Nova Scotia, the partnership having been duly registered with the auctioneers. In 1933 the painting had cost the vendor £60, and Bonhams had placed an estimate of from £8,000 to £12,000 on it. The sale made a total of £89,780. Mr A. M. Aylward and Miss F. O. S. Ball -The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the late Mr and Mrs Mathias Aylward, of Mtoko, Rhodesia, and Fleur, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H. S. Ball, of Salcombe Regis, Devon.

Mitchell and Sons, the London

Mr J. S. Dear and Miss L. M. Reuss

The cugagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs./ D. M. J. Dear, of Phillimore Gardens, London, W8, and Louise daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. K. Reuss, of Drayton Gardens, London SW10.

Mr P. H. J. Engels and Miss J. L. Henry

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Engels, of The Hague, Hol-land, and Janet, daughter of Dr and Mrs D. B. Henry, of Harrow, Middless. Middlesex.

Mr J. D. Lynn and Miss L. J. Clarke The engagement Is aunounced between Jonathan David, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Lynn, of Sutton Coldfield, and Lesley Lynn, and Lesley and Lynn, a Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. S. Clarke, of Wightwick, Wolverhampton,

Mr A. G. Smithson
and Miss A. M. White
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, eldest son of
Mrs H. Smithson and the Jate Dr
R. G. Smithson, MD, of Wetherby,
Yorkshire and Margaret, daughter of Mrs J. T. White and the late Mr C. Montgomery White, QC, of Sandwich, Kent.

Mr R. A. Waterer and Mile F. M. C. Dherse The engagement is announced between Robin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. D. Waterer, of Wyvois Court, Swallowfield, Berkshire, and Florence, elder daughter of M and Mme J.-L. Dherse, of Checker Street London. of Chester Street, London.

Mr R. J. Wylde and Miss S. E. Paddock
The engagement is aunounced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R. P. Wylde, of Rochester, Kent, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr G. J. Paddock, of St Marcaret's Bay, Kent, and of Mrs H. F. Paddock, of Bush Champflower, Somerset.

Buckingham Palace luncheon party

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace yesterday. The guests were:

Damo Josephine Burnes (abstorician and synaecologist), Mr Bull Beaumont caniain, England Rugby Union team:

Ver Michael Codorn (theatrical producer), Mr Terence Duffy faresident, analgaming Union of Englandering Workers. Professor Workers, Professor Auchien Energy Authority of Mr I an MacGregor Chelinain British Steel Comporation. Mr Jensey Mr I and MacGregor Chelinain British Steel Comporation. Mr Jensey Makins. VC 14 Lord Justice of Mappeals.

Alexandra Rose Ball

The Alexandra Rose Ball will be held on Thursday, May 21, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W1, from 8.30 pm until 2 am. Tickets are available at £20 each, including dinner, from: Mrs B. Weston, 1 Castelnau, Earnes, SW13 9RP. The chairman of the committee is Countries Forteene and the junior Counters Fortescue and the junior committee is jointly organized by Miss Marcia Kimball and Miss Lucy Acland.

Indian Journalists' Association
The India Republic Day (January
26) dinner of the Indian
Journalists' Association (Europe)
was held at the Counaught Rooms
yesterday. Dr Tarapada Basu,
president, was in the chair and
the other speakers were Mr
William Whitelaw, MP, Lord
Brockway, Lord Tanlaw, the High
Commissioner for India and Mr
V. R. Bhatt, vice-president. University news

Luncheon

Dinners

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, was

of State for the Environment, was the principal guest and speaker at the centenary luncheon given for founder members of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Painters' Hall yes-terday. Mr R. T. S. Macpherson, chairman of the Chamber, presided

Reading Norman (Oxford), E. Palmer, MA, BCL, senior lecturer at Man-University, has been d to a professorship of

Princess Margaret, as chancellor, will confer honorary degrees on Didt: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Suncie (on June 50): Pro-

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladles were present at the annual ladies' livery dinner of the Butchers' Company held at Butchers' Hall last night. Mr David Cornell, Master, presided. The other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr Robert Garaban, Mr Peter Moore, and Judge J. Miskin,

(egsor Campbell Stewart, vkc-chan-cellor, 1967-79; Mr Charles Tombinson, the gool (May 7). D Univ: Mr Jack Ashley, MP (May 7).

The painting of Huron Indians by Cornelius Krieghoff. In 1933 it was sold for £60.

Butchers' Company The Lord Mayor

Natural History Museum to celebrate its centenary

Dy a Staft Reporter The Natural History Museum will celebrate its centenary this year with the oneging in May of a large permanent exhibition entitled Origin of Species and a visit hy the Oucen and the Duke of Edinburch on the same day.

Professor Sir Andrew Muxley, president of the Royal Society, will open the new exhibition on

May 27, and the public will be admitted from May 28. Later in the year there will be two open days, when people with a particu-lar interest in the biological lar interest in the biological sciences will be able to see the work of the museum.

An exhibition showing the growth of the collections and the scientific work of the museum and called Nature Stored: Nature Studied opened last month and will run until the end of Decem-

ber. Several books are being published to mark the centenary, including a history of the museum by W. T. Stearn, from its beginnings within the British Museum, and a history of the existing build-

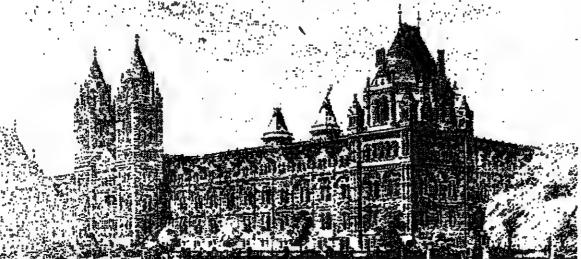
ing, opened in April, 1881. by Mark Girouard. Mark Girouard.

The Origin of Species exhibition will trace Charles Darwin's arguments for natural selection and will provide evidence of some of the effects of natural selection

among living species. Visitors will be able to use a computer display to see how Darwin's four steps lead to the theory of natural

selection.

Wherever possible, specimens, models and games will be used to illustrate the ideas under discussion and to encourage visitors to decide for themselves what is valid and what is not. A book will be published to accompany the exhibition.



An engraving from a watercolour painting of the Natural History Museum by the architect, Alfred Waterhouse.

Memorial service

Latest wills

Mr R. W. Nevin A memorial service for Mr Robert Wallace Nevin was held on Feb-tuary 17 in the chapel of St farmas's Hashital, The Rev Michael Stephan, hospitaller, Michoel Stophens, hospitalier, officiated Sir Hugh Lockhart-Minimory read the lesson and Lerd Richardson gave on address. Mr Martin Leason throthcran-law) played the organ, Among table property worst. Among those property worst. Mr. Wichard Co., the for Michael Co., the form of Michael Co., the form of t

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and other friends. 25 years ago From The Times of Monday, Feb 20, 1956

From Our Own Correspondent Cairo, Feb 19.—The withdrawal of British troops from the Sucz

Canal zone under the terms of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement of 1954 Anglo-Expitian acreement of 1934 is proceeding well ahead of the time table, partly because of events in Cyprus. The agreement supulated that by yesterday's date only 22,000 troops should remain in the zone; in fact the British Embassy has announced that fewer than 15,000 are still there. All the installations to be operated by Cyplian contractors. operated by civilian contractors under the agreement have been handed over to them, and there Blacklock, Virs Mary Georgina, of Wykcham-Musgrave, Miss Monica handed over to them, and there That encouraged the team to groups received a further four are no troops left at Fayid, explore further the idea that months of supplementation, and

Nutrition: Help for mentally retarded

By the Staff of Nature A team that has carried out a short exploratory study of the

tronal supplements on mentally retarded children has reported an encouraging improvement in IQ. While the ream cannot draw general conclusions from their results, they hope that more work will be done to explore the pos-sibility of extending such treat-

Treatment of disease by dictory manipulation is not new, and several inherited diseases respond to supplements of, for example, vitamins. About 30 years ago Dr R. J. Williams named such conditions genetotrophic diseases, with the characteristic that they could be prevented or at least ameliorated by supplementing the patient's supply of one or more specific nutrients.

That concept inspired Dr R. F. Harreli of Old Dominion Univer-Harreli of Old Dominion University. Norfolk, Virginia, and her culleagues to look at the effect of a course of nutritional supplements on a severely retarded child, aged seven, brought for treatment. After a few weeks there was a striking improvement; the child began to talk, then to reed and write and hehave like a normal child, with an IQ of about 90. That encouraged the team to explore further the idea that

mental retardation might be a generotrophic disease.

In the next stage of their study they treated 22 mentally retarded children, aged five to thirteen years, living in or near Norfolk, Virgina, who were brought by their managers. their parents as volunteers. During the first four months of the study, one group of children received notritional supplements and the rest received placebos; during the second period of four

patients dropped out, for various reasons. The supplements consisted of eleven vitamins and eight minerals, with extra thyroid hormone if needed, administered by the needed, administered by the parents in six tablets each day. The experimenters did not know which children had been in which group until they had completed the tests of IQ and the results had been sent to the University of Texas for analysis by Dr W. Shiyo.

months the situation was reversed.

The team reports that the results for the first four months appear for the first four months appear promising. At the start of the study 1Q varied from about 70 to 17. After four months on the supplements most children had increased by a few points, some-times as many as 10, although some declined. One of the two promps received a further four

their 10s further increased by from 12 to 24. No significant increases were found while the children were taking the placebus. The team found that the greatest the team round that the giveness, improvements tended to occur in the younger children, with the exception of one aged 13 whose IQ increased 19 points. The team in the contract of the contra s reluctant to see significance in hat, however, because of the mall number of children involved in the study.

While receiving the supplementation, the children also improved in height and weight, and three out of four who wore glasses exvisual aculty.

De Harrell and her colleagues

or Harrell and her colleagues hope that their preliminary results will encourage others to investigate more fully the possibility of treating mental retardation with nutritional supplements. The wide variety of types of mental retardation will obviously additional supplementations, and much greater testing of nutritional supplementations. testing of nutritional supplements will be needed before their thera-peutic value can be properly

Source: Proceedings of the Nutronal Academy of Sciences, January 81 (vol 78, pages 374) C: Nature-Times News Service 1981

OBITUARY

And the sale made 133,40; with 6.3 per cent failing to find buyers.

A sale of printed books, atlases and maps at Phillips made £7,036, with some 7 per cent bought in. The greatest interest was aroused by a small collection of erotic works, and a Comman antivisient

works, and a German enthusiast paid £380 for the 10 volumes of La

paid 1380 for the 10 volumes of La Nouvelle Justine, by the Marquis de Sade, in the 1797 edition (estimate 1850). The New Epicurean, or The Delights of Sex, in two parts, 1875, which was extraillustrated with 30 photographs, made 1700, against an estimate of 175.

After a concert held at the Festival Hall last night the chair-man of the GLC and Mrs Brook-Parpridge entertained at dinner at

the Riverside Restaurant Mr and Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Mr sud Mrs Lester S. Lovel and Mr and Mrs Cyril J. H. Taylor.

Mr D. Sims Mr Dean Sims, President of Public Relations International, was host at a dinner last night at the Caledonian Club. Those present

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Mr. Henry James, Mr. Raymond Marquia,
Mr. Anthony Minns, Mrs. North Owen,
Mr. Tim: Swann, Mr. Barrie Tagior, Mr.
Graham Williams, Mr. Poter Valker,
Mr. Barry Young and Mr. and Mrs.
Goeffrey Young.

and another 10 per cent by many of the 2,300 contributors; the rest bave gone to individuals.

The number of copies being bought by individuals has been much higher than the company expected, although it pointed out that the refer was only entered.

MISS OLIVE GILBERT Distinguished association with the productions of Ivor Novello

Miss Olive Gilbert, the singer, who died yesterday, will be best remembered for the great part she played in the success of many of Ivor Novello's musical productions.

Born in Carmarthen she sang the contraito parts with the Carl Rosa Opera Company for many years. She was heard as Carmen, Delilah, Mignon and Suuki and her melodious voice, her acting ability and her imposing presence soon established her as a warm favourite with audiences.

Her association with Ivor Novello was the turning point of her career. She joined his company for the production of Glamorous Night in May 1935 and she remained with him until his death in 1951. It was characteristic of him that he retained for show after show what was almost a stock com-pany. The Old Novellians, as they used to be called, included Miss Gilbert, Mr Robert Andrews, Mr Peter Graves and the late Miss Minnie Rayner and Miss Gilbert's position in the team was an unusually strong one. As well as playing many

stage parts written especially for her with unvarying success, Olive Gilbert was also a born organizer. In his biography of Novello, Mr Macqueen Pope wrote "Ivor owed much to Olive who for a long-time looked after him, controlled his staff and his flat, to say nothing of Redroofs which became perhaps the best known theatriwould see that he got the food he liked and all the dishes he fancied." Her flat was in the same block as Novello's in the Aldwych and she was called in to be with him when he died Among his productions with which Miss Gilbert was associ-Moffat also spoke. The guests included:
The acting High Commissioner for Konya, Mr Nell Marien, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonweath Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, Sir Francis Sandlands, mombers of Parliament, officials of the Minister for Commonweath of the Commonweath of ated were Glamorous Night, Careless Rupture, Crest of the Wave and The Dancing Years at Drury Lane: Perchance to Dream at the Hippodrome; Arc de Triomphe at the Phoenix,



and King's Rhapsody at the Palace. Perchance to Dream was possibly her greatest triumph for it enabled her to use her delightful voice to great advantage and to reveal her gifts of comedy and pathos. In it was "We'll gather lilacs,"
which she sang first at a Sunday night broadcast before the actual production and thereafter sang it repeatedly. When Novello died it was played at his cremation and a multirude of hushed mourners heard it through loud speakers outside

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Playgoers will recall Miss
Gilbert also in the finale of Careless Rapture. It was an all-white scene of China and Miss Gilbert, dressed in white. completely dominated it with her resonant voice at the head of a large chorus and orchestra. She was at the Palace Theape from May 1961 playing Sister Margaretta in The Sound of Music. a part she appeared in until January 1967 throughout the play's run of over 2,000 performances. In the late 1960s she was the housekeeper in Mon of La Moncha and in the early 1970s soured in Ricss the early 1970s toured in Bless the Bride in Perchance to Dream as Ernestine Flavell and King's Rhapsody as Countess Miss Gilbert never married

PROFESSOR FRANZ SONDHEIMER

Professor Franz Sondheimer, that the latter compound was PRS, who died in Stanford, not benzene like. Some evidence California, on February 11, was to support Hückel's role had a distinguished scientist who had made fundamental contributions to organic chemistry.

Born in Stuttgart in 1926, he came to England with his family in 1937. He was educated at Highgate School and the Imperial College of Science. He began his research career at Imperial College with Sir Ian Heilbron and Professor (now Sir Ewart) Jones, studying the use of acetylenic compounds in organic synthesis, an interest which was to continue throughout his life. He obtained his PhD degree in 1948 and, after a further year at Imperial College, went to Harvard University as a post-doctoral fellow. Here, as a collaborator of R. B. Woodward, he made his first major contribution to organic chemistry as a participant in the first total synthesis use of acetylenic compounds in Music Reporter

The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, which was formally lounched in Britain yesterday, has covered its costs, and bids fair to become a big financial success for the publishers. Macmillan.

About £4m has been invested in the development of the 20-volume work and Mr Maurice Macmillan hald it had been a considerable commercial risk. But the company said it had already broken even on the project, and could thus look forward to prufits.

Many sets of the 20-volume work were sold in advance of publication at reduced rates and many structured and folk music. pant in the first total synthesis tory in all natural product syntheses. This synthesis was cholesterol and corrisone, then a compound of considerable medical importance.

Sondheimer's great talents as The previous edition was still a synthetic chemist had now been fully recognized and he almed essentially at the amateur, but the New Grove is intended as a basic work of scholarship. Conwas asked whether he would like the post of Assistant Director of Research at the Systex Pharmaceutical Coma use. Were or scholarship. Con-taining more than 22 million words, it includes 22,500 articles, of which more than 16,500 are biographies, and there are more than 4,500 illustrations. pany, then in Mexico. In this post he participated at an early stage in what was to become 10-5; Gaioing momentum; photographs of women, Half Moon Workshop, 119 Roman Road, 12-6.
Lectures: Magritte, by Mary Ellis, Tate Gallery, 1; Classical terracottas, everyday life scenes, Patsy Vanags, British Museum, 11-30; Philistines and Phoeniclans, David Williams, British Museum, 1.15; Moretto, portrait of a man, Audrey Tyndall, National Gallery, 1; Geology of stone artifacts. A. R. Woolley and D. T. Moore, Geological Museum, 6-30.
Waiks; The road to Tyburn, one of the fastest growth com-panies in the United States, and his first collaborative paper was only the fifty-seventh contributed from the Syntex laboratory. There his achieve-ments included syntheses of cortisone, testosterone and norethisterone, a potent oral progeseterone, and numerous papers on the steroidal sapogenins, a valuable plant source of steroids. He was also able to indulge in his love of solo flying, surveying Mexico's volcanoes and visiting the then

Walks: The road to Tyburn, meet main gate St Bartholo-mew's Hospital, 2: Ghouls, mew's Hospital, 2: Ghouls, gliosis and ghastly phenomena, meet main gate, St Bartholomew's Hospital, 7.

Funeral service: Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape, St Barbara's, HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, 11.15.

Memorial Service: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Stacey, St Clement Danes, Strand, noon. inaccessible Mayan ruins. In 1956 he left Mexico for Israel, where he became Head of the Organic Chemistry De-partment of the Weirmann Institute of Science. The Weizmann Institute provided ideal conditions for the development of a vigorous research gramme and, while continuing investigations on steroids, he turned his attention to terpene synthesis and again to acetylene chemistry. He reinvestigated an old reaction, the oxidative coupling of acetylenes but now, with the advantage of modern chromatographic techniques, he was able to separate the polymeric products and isolate cyclic polyacetylenes. These macrocyclic compounds, containing from 14 to 60 carbon atoms, could be isomerized to give fully conjugated molecules. In 1959, the chemical world was startled by the announcement that the first macroevelic

> prepared. The synthesis of (18) annulene, a compound with 18 carbon atoms and nine double bonds. was rapidly followed by the preparation of other macrocyclic annulenes, and these compounds have been of immense significance to the development of the theory of organic chemistry. Erich Huckel had predicted in the 1930s that conjugated cyclic compounds with an odd number of double bonds would be benzene-like, whereas those with an even number of double bonds would not. At that time there were only two com-pounds known with which to test this theory, benzene and

analogue of benzene had been

come from charged species, but the annulenes provided the first neutral compounds. It was shown that for the series (14), (16), and (18) annulene there was, as predicted, an alternation in the spectroscopic proper-ties. For the first time theory had been able to predict the properties of an organic com-pound. All modern text-books of organic chemistry contain an account of the conclusions of this work. short

Southeimer returned to Syntex as Vice-President of Research while still holding his post in-Israel, and then in 1960 he was appointed Rebecca and Israel Sieff Professor of Organic Chemistry at the Weizmann his stitute. In 1964 he returned to the United Kingdom as Royal of a non-aromatic steroid. This Society Research Professor at synthesis was of significance in Cambridge, where he also held that a deliberate attempt was a Fellowship at Churchill; made to control and predict the College. At Cambridge he constereochemistry of the reactions tinued and expanded his inves-used, a procedure now manda- tigations into the annulous. preparing the first derivative of a macrocyclic annulenous, readily eleaborated to prepare and in the steroid field he com- consequence cholesterol and cortisone, then pleted syntheses of A-nor-19- And would be nortestosterone and bufalin. He allocardicity the also developed an interest in the mails. medium ring compounds containing eight and 10 carbon Follosing

atoms In 1967 he transferred with his Royal Society Professorship to University College London In London he began to study macrocyclic compounds con-taining heteroatoms and extended the annulene series with tomputer the synthesis of the twenty and source twenty-two membered rings. A state of Britai number of highly strained the have join planar eight-membered ring and comput systems were prepared and wasdministrati their properties explored. He apply standing their properties explored to investing Recognition of the standing of had recently begun to investing Reservation a gate synthetic routes to iono whem. gate synthetic routes to hope grant, phores, compounds involved in the transport of ions across and delay. membranes.

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and he received awards from many quarters and was in demand as a lecturer. He was PRICE He married Betty Jane Most in 1958. There were no children from the marriage, but's he was devoted to his stepdaughter.

Vice · Admiral Helgesen Vedel, who in 1943 ordered the Danish fleet to be scuttled to prevent it falling into German hands, died on February 11 at the age of 87. From 1950 until bis retirement in 1958, he commanded Denmark's naval forces.

died at the age of 85. She was Dorothy Gladys, daughter of W. H. Back, and she was married in 1921. Her husband died in 1959.

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Lady Watkinson, widow of Sir Laurence Watkinson, KBE, CB, MC, died on February V at the age of \$3. She was Boris (Chiered

BUSINESS NEWS

Tight limit sought on coal imports page 18

Stock markets FT Ind 494.2, up 4.9 FT Gilts 69.42, up 0.12 Sterling \$2,2855, up 190 pts.

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BRIEF.

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andon Brick is to close its mont works in Bedford-at the end of May, with loss of 1,100 jobs. ne company said that housefor more than 50 years there had been a couse-t reduction in the demand

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significant oil find has significant oil find has a made by a consortium led Amoco in North Sea block? B, 175 miles east of deen. The discovery, near fulmar, Auk and Clyde s, is of a high quality light e with a test flow of 6,750 els a day. The find could an important bearing on proposed North Sea gas an important bearing on proposed North Sea gas sering pipeline. Other ps in the consortium are sh Gas, Mobil, Amerada Texas Eastern.

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new fluorescent lamp which, timed to provide the light ty of a traditional filament but which consumes only one-fifth the power was unced yesterday by Thorning, part of the Thorn-EMI

e new lamp is expected to for about £3 and to have of 5,000 hours, compared about 1,000 hours for a shold friament bulb. It is ated that over its expected the new lamp would cost : £16 less in electricity than sisting 100-watt bulb.

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ay mine at Lowca, Comis to close next month the loss of 22 jobs. The is no longer economic, h Steel said.

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£12,400m PSBR total in | Germans move to bolster mark nine months outstrips revised target for full year

By John Whitmore Financial Correspondent The public sector borrowing requirement soared to £12,400m in the first nine months of the present financial year and now looks set to emerge in the region of £13,000m for the full

This compares with the Chancellor's original prediction last spring of a full year PSBR of £8,500m. and his revised esti-mate of £11,500m in November. But there was also some en-couraging news for the Govern-ment yesterday in the January money supply figures, which confirmed the recent slowdown

in the growth of private sector

Overall, the broad based money supply sterling M3, rose by £440m, or 0.7 per cent, in the six weeks to January 21.

This means that sterling M3 has grown at an annual rate of nearly 21 per cent since last February, the base date for the present target of 7 per cent to 11 per cent annual growth rate target. However, the annualized rate of growth over the past three months has dropped back

to little more than 13 per cent

and is likely to show further A major factor in this fall is the slowdown in company-borrowings as the corporate sector continues to destock. In the

latest month, bank lending to the private sector rose by £390m. Akthough seasonal adjustments for January are particularly difficult, it seems that bank lending to the private sector may now be growing at little more than £300m a month. a third of the rate of increase seen last summer.
With the public sector contri-

buting: £394m last month, total domestic credit expansion was £634m, the lowest monthly total for almost a year.

Slightly surprisingly, however, in view of the large trade surpluses recorded recently, the external finance item has re-mained contractionary. This mean that resident sterling deposits (the bulk of sterling M3) have grown more slowly than domestic credit expansion. What seems to have happened

is that exporters have tem-porarily been holding their receipts in foreign currency,

receipts in foreign currency, probably dollars, to take advant-age of higher overseas interest

rates. This is reflected in the M3 definition of money, which includes resident holdings of foreign currency deposits in the United Kingdom. This measure of money jumped by 1.5 percent in January.

The money supply figures were taken in the City as a further pointer towards a reduction in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate within the next few weeks Even so, the City remains it two minds about medium-term financial prospects. While it is encouraged by the cyclical deceleration in private sector credit demand and the prospects of further falls in the inflation rate, it remains per-turbed about the extra money

the Government is having to commit to the nationalized industries and the credibility of any significantly-reduced PSBR forecast for 1981-82. But there are considerable doubts as to how far the Chan-cellor can reduce the PSBR next year without the kind of tax increases that might delay any economic upturn.

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By Frances Williams
Surprise moves by the German Federal Bank to bolster the Deutsche mark threw foreign exchanges into confuforeign exchanges into confu-sion yesterday.

The bank had been widely expected to raise the key Lom-bard rate of interest (the rate at which it stands prepared to supply funds to the commercial banks) by a percentage point from its present level of 9 per cent. Instead it has suspended the normal Lombard lending facility altogether for an indefi-nite period.

future the bank will decide whether, and to what extent to satisfy commercial banks' requests for funds, at a rate of interest which willa rate of interest which will-vary daily according to market conditions. Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the Federal Bank president, said the new policies would mean tighter credit and higher short-

tighter credit and higher shortterm interest rates.

But dealers were uncertain
yesterday on how large the
increases were likely to be.

Nevertheless, the Deutsche
mark closed sharply higher
against all other currencies
within the European monetary
system, and gained 5 pfennings
on a weaker dollar to finish
London trading at DM 2.1375
The German Bank called for

Interest rates rise: Herr Poehl, president of the West German Federal Bank, left, with Dr Helmut Schlesinger, the bank's vice president, yesterday announcing moves to push up interest rates. repayment today of the DM6,500m (£1,300m) Lombard debt outstanding with the commercial banks. It also lifted The Federal Bank may have been dissuaded from raising Lombard rate by the improved performance of the Deutchemark. Over the previous two restrictions on non-residents acquiring Deutsche mark government securities with maturities of less than a year, which should help attract short-term funds into the German currency.

days it has gone up 6 pfennigs against the dollar after plunging by more than 30 plennigs since the beginning of the year. The Lombard debt repayment r is unlikely to lead to a sharp rise in money market rates when they re-open today, since the banks have accumulated a cash surplus of between DM80,000m and DM90,000m deposited with the Federal Bank.

There has also been domestic pressure to avoid interest rate rises which might depress economic activity faurther. Growth in the West German over the past year and GNP is forecast to decline in 1981.

By confining interest rates

rises to the short-term money markets, the Federal Bank will be hoping that long-term borrowing investment will not be affected.

However, increased short-terms rates will affect the cost of consumer borrowing. This may depress demand in industries such as car manufac-

dustries such as car manufac-turing where consumer credit plays an important role. Suspension of the Lombard facility will also prevent the anomaly caused by the disparity between Lombard and market rates of interest, which encouraged commercial banks to have true from the Rederal

couraged commercial banks to borrow funds from the Federal Bank to place in the money market at a higher rate. In a coincident move with the Germans, the Swiss central bank raised its Lombard and discount rates for the second time in a month to 5.5 per cent and 4 per cent respectively. The Swiss franc strengthened against leading currencies, including the Deutsche mark to close in London at \$1.9265 from \$1.9950 on Wednesday.

The Dollar was considerably weaker, losing ground on all sides, as domestic and Euro-dollar interest rates eased. President Reagan's measures to boost the American economy contained no surprises, dealers

Tory MPs

in Lloyd's

Insurance Correspondent

improve self-regulation.

Lloyd's, the insurance market

backed by private wealth, has

come under further pressure

from a group of Conservative

MPs to make significant

changes in its draft Bill to

The move comes after Lloyd's

failure this week to head off

opposition through a compre-

mise formula involving assur-ances on a number of disputed

The compromise proposals

draft Bill

By Richard Allen

seek change

Uncertainty over Reagan plans

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Feb 19 Uncertainty about President Ronald Reagan's economic programme prevailed throughout the financial community today, as brokers and bankers took time to digest the plans and think about the implications, One securities analyst said: One securines analyst ball.

"Phone me again tomorrow, or
on Monday. I just don't know
yet." That was the common
reaction to the large and detailed Reagan programme.

However, on the New York Stock Exchange, the Dow-Jones industrial average closed down 13.74 at 933.36. Financial market participants are watching to see what the Congress does, because there is no doubt that the President's public spending and taxation cuts are going to be heavily rewritten by the Senate and the House of Representatives. The

Peugeot to

invest £10m

Peugeot-Citroën, which owns Tabot UK, is expected to an-nounce within the next few weeks a £10m investment pro-

gramme in Britain.
This development comes after

Peugeot's decision to close its loss-making car manufacturing plant at Linwood near Glas-gow which will result in re-dundancy for almost 5,000

The new investment will be

at the group's Ryton and Stoke factories at Coventry. The aim is to begin United Kingdom ass-

embly of Peugeot's five-door Horizon model produced exclu-sively at the company's Poissey plant near Paris.

Mr George Turnbull, chairman of Talbot UK, said in Morocco yesterday during the launch of a new model, that the plan for United Kingdom ass-

embly was "in the final stages of decision".

England Peugeot could claim that the car was British-made and aim for a bigger slice of the lucrative fleet car market. Many British companies insist that their cars should be BL

models or United Kingdom made Fords and Vauxhalls. Talbot's sales executives esti-

mate that if the car was assem-bled at Ryton, an additional 15,000 sales could be achieved.

By assembling Horizons in

in Britain

By Edward Townsend

steps the Fed will take to make government regulation .

sure is meets those targets.

The final third of the policy programme will be released by the White House on March 10.

So far only the broad details of public spending cuts for some 83 programmes have been announced. On March 10, the full budget statement will be issued, covering a further 400 programmes and outlining in detail the levels of government borrowing.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company today cut its broker loan rate to 18 per cent from 18.5 per cent. Later, the Irving Trust Company undercut this with a broker loan rate of 17.5 per cent. The level of economic activity is declining and it is widely expected to soften further in coming weeks. Loan demands are seen as falling and prompting a decline in shortterm interest rates.

House of Representatives. The Business leaders were mood of uncerainty is reinforced by the recognition that so far the authorities in the Reagan plans, not willing to talk about individual budget by both one-third of the new policies.

The second instalment comes next week when Mr Paul Carvin, head of the business of the policies. Voicker, chairman of the round table and chairmen of Federal Reserve Board, outlines the money supply targets "comes to grips with the probfor the coming year and the lems of inflation, taxation and

The Post Office lost on two counts at the committee stage of the Telecommunica-

It failed to obtain a mono-poly it had been seeking for the hadding of "hard copy" pro-duced by electronic mail trans-mission systems, and will meet new competition from inter-

Mr Ron Dearing, the chair-

man of the Post Office said yesterday he was disappointed that the Corporation had not

been given exclusive rights over electronic mail handling. He

stressed the importance of electronic mail to the future of

the postal service, estimating

The service expects to make a modest profit this financial year even though it is unlikely

to reach the targets set by the Government because of im-

The decrease in volume esti-

mail, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Industry and Infor-

proved productivity.

for 25 per cent of all mail.

it could eventually account

tions Bill yesterday.

national couriers.

new direction set by the President's message deserves our support."

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, Mr David. Stockman, budger director, and Mr Donald Regan, treasury secretary, artended the first of many scheduled hearings to sell the new plan to Congress. Mr Stockman said that swift enactment of the that swift enactment of the budget plan would reduce in-flation fears, and produce lower interest rates.

Mr Regan called on Congress to accept the new tax-cutting plan soon, rather than add things to it. He pledged to pro-pose another tax-cutting programme, as soon as the new one is enacted, to deal with tax incentives to savings and better tax treatment for Americans working overseas.

He asserted that there were startling differences between the new Reagan programme and the policies Mrs Margaret Thatcher had applied in the United Kingdom. Mr Reagan said he did not want to go into a detailed comparison, but that the White House plan would be discussed with the Prima Minister when she arrives here next week for talks with President Reagan.

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mation Technology, agreed that electronic mail would be important for the future of the postal service. However, the Post Office had had a "huge start" over private electronic mail operators.

If a monopoly were granted to it at this stage it would deter private operators from entering the field and "could potentially damage the development of this

extremely important new means

At the same time he said he

recognized the arguments in favour of the amendment and

had had a second look at the Government's decision. The committee was evenly divided on the issue, but the chairman's casting vote resulted in the amendment being rejected.

A sentrate amendment which:

A separate amendment which

would give independent private couriers the right to carry letters was passed unanimously without a debate. The amendment moved by two Conservative MPs, Mr Richard Page and Mr John Burcher invests a new

Mr John Butcher, inserts a new section into Clause 64 of the Bill exempting letters which are destined for overseas and

mr Chris Reid, chairman of the Association of International Air Couriers, Services, which represents 18 major operators with 8,000 employees, said yesterday that the exemption was significant and would allow air couriers to operate from the United Kingdom without fear of persecution by the Post Office.

by couriers from the

raken by courier postal monopoly.

mail operators.

of communication.

PO denied a monopoly

on electronic mail

Energy task force finds prices 'at disadvantage' with Continent

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

British industry's complaints that companies are paying dis-proportionately more for their proportionately more for their energy supplies than their principal European competitors and undermining industry's competitiveness, have been largely endorsed by the energy task force which was set up at the start of the year. Its report will be submitted to next month's mering of the National Economic Development Council.

The report to the meeting chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will expose the Government to further pressure to take action to alleviate the burden of high prices for oil, electricity and gas on energy intensive indust-

ries.
The task force, whose members include representatives from British Gas, Electricity Council, Department of Energy, National Cosl Board, the CBI and TUC, was charged with investigating the growing volume of evidence which had accompilated on the high cost accumulated on the high cost of energy. Its brief was to look

By Philip Robinson
The City's big financial institutions are queueing up ready
to pay at least 175p apiece for
British Aerospace shares in

which dealings start today.

Earlier predictions that initial prices for the 100 million shares would show a small 7p to 10p premium over the 150p offer

price are now thought by the

changed in the past three days. The FT index of Britain's top 30 companies is now just 5.8 points below the 500 barrier.

President Reagan is commit-ted to increase defence spend-ing and the institutions—known

to be the last to make up their

Continued from page 1 finished goods and "work in progress" have all been

progress have all been reduced.
This destocking has meant a sharp reduction in the demand for goods, and output has consequently slumped.
But the fall in output has substantially exceeded the fall in stock levels last year. The result has been that the stock-output ratio of manufacturing industry has soared to impre-

output ratio of manufacturing industry has soared to imprecedented levels in spite of the record rundown in stock levels.

Another side effect of the recession has been a fall in capital expenditure on things like new buildings, vehicles and plant and machinery. Other government figures just published disclose a fall of 8 percent last year in manufacturers capital spending.

capital spending However, distributive industry

Shrinkage in UK economy

market to be too pessimistic. Conditions for the issue, which was three and a half times oversubscribed, have

Aerospace shares

ther meeting is scheduled later next week.

The draft report, it is under-stood, states: "In sum our conclusion is that fuel prices to energy intensive users in the United Kingdom have grown out of line with those being charged on the Continent. This represents in some cases a severe competitive disadvant-

Against the background of the Government's sharp policy switch over the problems faced by the National Coal Board, the report deals in some detail with the price differential which exists for a range of fuels, and has concluded that United Kingdom industrial fuel oil prices have been, and re-main, higher than those prevailing in Europe last year.

On the sensitive issue of gas prices where British Gas yes-terday confirmed a 25 per cent between 20-30 per cent.

minds—have an unsatisfied appetite for high technology

Stockbroking firms were tak-

ing buying orders throughout vesterday from both United Kingdom and overseas investors willing to pay between 165p and 185p for a million shares.

Capel Cure Myers, stock-brokers, have marked the shares a buy at 165p, and it is believed De Zoete & Bevan have issued a private institutional circular saying "buy" up to 185p.

Optimists reckon the price could go to 200p before easing back and the market could turnover at least half the issue.

The market is opening ten minutes early today, at 9.20, in an attempt to achieve an orderly market.

increased its capital spending by 5 per cent. For manufactur-

by 5 per cent. For manufacturers, capital spending in the fourth quarter of 1980 was the lowest seen in any quarter for almost four years.

According to recent surveys carried out by the Department of Industry, capital investment in the manufacturing industry in 1981 could be down to its lowest. Ievel, in real terms, for nearly two decades. It is expected to be some 15 to 20 per cent lower this year than in 1980.

lower this year than in 1980. This survey, which was made public in December, was sub-

profic in December, was substantially more gloomy than previous surveys, although some recovery in capital spending was tentatively thought to be likely in 1982. The drop in capital spending this year could seriously exacerbate the recession.

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Scramble expected for SE halts

specifically at the claims made by the iron and steel, chemicals, paper and board and foundry industries.

Later today the task force will meet to consider a draft of its final report and a further meeting is scheduled later. between 2p-3p a therm (10 per cent) for interruptible supplies to industrial customers, and a 3p-5p disparity (equivalent to 10-20 per cent) for firm supply contracts between major United Kingdom industrial users and their European

counterparts.
Foundry coke prices in the United Kingdom are up to 30 per cent higher than those in Europe as a result of extensive subsidies provided to Continensubsidies provided to Continental foundry customers and a similar scale of difference exists on electricity prices.

While the task force is believed to have established that in England and Wales the price charged to smaller industrial consumers of electricity is more or less in line with se prevailing in Europe, for high load factor customers, par-ticularly, in relation to France

Euroflame

By Rosemary Unsworth
Euroflame Holdings, the
latest applicant to the Unlisted

Securities Market, has had its

Securities Market, has had its flotation halted by Stock Exchange regulations. The group, which distributes wood burning stoves and cookers, issued a prospectus for a placing of 1.1 million shares earlier this week. Mr John Viall, chairman, said at a press conference that he would be disappointed if Euroflame made less than £450,000 pretax profit this year, although no profits forecast had formally been made.

The remark was published in several newspapers and the

several newspapers and the

several newspapers and the Stock Exchange has demanded that a formal forecast is included in the prospectus.

It told Tring Hall Securities, which was bringing Eurofiame to the market and retaining a 55 per cent stake in the group, and Sternberg, Thomas Clarke, stockbrokers, that the information must be made available to all shareholders before the listing can be considered. Dealings were due to start next Wednesday at a placing price of 30p.

companies coming to market via the USM fulfilled every requirement. "And in this instance we wanted to be sure

that the company got it right from day one", a spokesman

said.

flotation

The compromise proposals were put to MPs by Sir Graham Page, Conservative MP for Crosby, Merseyside, who is steering the Bill through Parliament on Lloyd's behalf.

Although his proposals have been welcomed by the Tory criticis as a move in the right direction they have been met by a barrage of demands for additional changes and further-reaching assurances.

clauses,

reaching assurances. Main critics are represented in an informal grouping of around 20 MPs, many of whom are underwriting "names" at Lloyd's. Altogether 55 Conser-vative MPs and one Labour MP provide security as Lloyd's underwriters.

MP critics are threatening to oppose the Bill when it comes oppose the Bill when it comes up for debate towards the end of next month if their demands are not met. This action could prevent the Bill passing to committee stags for further consideration and force Lloyd's to redraft important sections and seek fresh approval from the 20 000 members. its 20,000 members.

The new proposals are contained in a letter to Sir Graham from one of the critics, Mr Richard Needham, Conservative MP for Chippenham.

MP for Chippenham.

Among his demands is one that Lloyd's gives a firm assurance that eight rather than six external members (underwriting "names" who do not work at Lloyd's) are represented on the new 26-map ruling Council envisaged by the Bill and that three outside representatives should be nominated rather than approved by the

His letter also seeks further assurances regarding Clause II of the Bill, which would have the effect of giving the Council a blanker indemnity against legal action.

price of 30p.

The placing will be delayed by at least a month as the to placate opposition to this clause by removing it from the accounts have to be verified by an independent auditor and the prospectuses reprinted. This will increase the cost of launching Euroflame by about £3,000. The original cost of the issue was £60,000.

The Stock Exchange said yesterday it was determined that

The placing would have raised £330,000 and put a market capitalization on the group of just over £1m. Last year pretax profits were £278,000 on turnover of £1.57m.

rather than approved by the Governor of the Bank of England. He also demands that active brokers represented should be limited to four.

Lloyd's has already attempted

Bill's main body into a schedule for implementation by a future bye law. This would require confirmation by Privy Council and approval by both Houses of Bur Mr Needham and his colleagues are demanding the

colleagues are demanding the immunity provision should not be allowed to return to Parliament until the question of divestment or separation of powers by insurance brokers over managing agencies in the market has been agreed by the full Council. full Council. The critics further call for a stronger provision giving Lloyd's the power to deal effectively with fraudulent behav-

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Living in Britain dearer than home for most expatriate executives

Foreigners count the cost of a UK posting

Britain is now one of the most expensive countries in the world for expatriate executives, and the days when it was the bargain basement shopping centre for Europe are long

This is one of the conclusions of a survey of international living costs issued on behalf of a consortium of 500 multinational companies yesterday. Executives whose home base is in any other European country would find Britain vastly more expensive than at home. "For other Europeans, Britain is more expensive than half the world", the survey

But a Briton working abroad would find living costs lower than at home in two out of three countries.

· Among the few European countries where a Briton would consider living costs high are France and Italy. Also expen-sive are Kuwait, Indonesia and Japan, with Nigeria at the top of the "high price" league table for the countries surveyed. is much higher than in most

The cost of food in Nigeria other countries except Japan, where it is also expensive. The survey took into account motorExpatriates have considerable

advantages in countries where they have access to special "hard currency" shops, the survey says. This is most noticeable in the Communist block. In fact, Peking is the cheapest place of all for Western Countries with an index tern executives, with an index of 70 on the United Kingdom

In other countries, the scarcity of necessities basic to survey took into account motoring and car purchase costs; the index through the roof. In domestic staff, housing and utilities expenses; schools for stands at 700, and not sur-

expatriate children and clubs prisingly expatriates make for expatriates and their regular shopping trips to families.

Kenya. The information was gathered

from 1,100 questionnaires returned towards the end of last year by expatriates working in 146 countries. It is compiled Employment Conditions Abroad which operates on behalf of 500 member companies to act as a central and confidential clearing house for information concerning the employment of expatriates throughout the world.

Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

Zubeidi Trading Company (Z.T.C.), Beirut

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Nabil Ramlawi, London Representative of the P.L.O.





EEC fears over steel exports to **America**

Community has told the United States of its serious concern about the impact on European steel exports of the 4.4 per cent rise in the minimum price for foreign steel which the Ameri cans are to impose from

March 1.

The European Commission has asked the Americans for more information on how the increase in the so-called "trigger price" will affect different categories of steel

Commission sources said they were "very preoccupied" by the trend of EEC steel exports to the United States, which have declined from 7.4 million tonnes in 1978 to 3.9 million

tonnes last year.
The American import price rise is intended to underpin increases in the domestic price of steel which go into effect next month. However, the Americans say that foreign steel priced at the legal minimum will still be cheaped and have will still be cheaper and hence more competitive than the list price of domestic steel.

Arab banks' loan

A management group consist-A management group consist-ing of Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company, Arab Bank Corpora-tion, Al Saudi Banque, Al Bah-rain Arab African Bank, Gulf International Bank and Indus-trial Bank of Kutsait is to trial Bank of Kuwait is to market a 5117m (about £50m) seven year loan for four Yugo-slav banks.

EEC oil consumption

The European Commission has said that the goal of reducing oil consumption in the Community to 40 per cent of total energy use by 1990 is in doubt. Fears are that oil imports at the beginning of the next decade could exceed carrier estimates by one million barrels a day. ·

US competitiveness

American industry appears to be losing its ability to compete effectively with other countries even in some lines of manufactured goods such as pharmaceucicals, and aircraft, where the United States has been a strong exporter-Fortime Magazine reports.

£10m contract loss

A decision to provide £10.1m TUC appeal | More road contracts to cover losses on a contract to build a road in Sudan near the Ethiopian border left Marchwiel, the Alfred McAlpine, construction group, with pretax profits of only £654,000 against £13.3m in the year to lust: October.

Montedison deal

Montedison SA, Italy's second largest private company, lias reached agreement with trade unions on ending a month long dispute over the com-pany's plans to dismiss some 8,000 of its 45,000 chemical

Low duty protest

The European chemical producers' association has said it is "astonished" at the low level of a 4 per cent provisional antidumping duty on United States styrene imports. The association is standing by its original claim of a 26 per cent dumping margin.

Export index falls

The Japanese export goods price index in January fell 1.9 price index in January fell 1.9 per cent from the year-earlier month to 101.7 (1975 = 100). The January index represented a 1.2 per cent drop from December, mainly because of the yen's general appreciation in the month.

Steelmen to strike

Finsider, Italy's state-owned steel group, has told the metal-workers' union that it will be unable to pay more than 70 per cent of monthly wages at the end of February. In protest the union has announced a 24-hour strike.

Plant cancellation

Poland has decided to postpone for two years construction of a polyester plant worth 25.000m yen (about £53m) it was planning with Japanese

Steel deliveries

Union Steel Corporation of South Africa said it expects to maintain its domestic steel deliveries over the next nine months, with local economic conditions seen remaining fav-

Petrodollars recycling

Japan's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund will increase low interest loans to non-oilproducing countries to help to recycle petrodollars, partly to fill the vacuum created by America's plan to cut United States foreign aid by 26 per

VWs for Yugoslavia

Volkswagen plans to start production of a pick-up truck in Yugoslavia next year, based on the Golf car.

NCB chief anxious to reach agreement with generating board

Tight limit sought on coal imports

Reaffirmation by Mr David Howell, the Energy Secretary, of the Government's intention to see how far it can go to meet the aspiration of the miners and the National Coal Board in reducing the level of coal imports will be seen by the NCB and miners' leaders as a big concession to be exploited to the full.

In the wake of the Government's dramatic about-turn in the face of a threatened miners' strike, Sir Derek Ezra, NCB chairman, underlined the board's anxiety to reach some solution to the problem of coal imports by, in the main, the Central Electricity Generating Board and the British Steel Corporation.

At a time when the board's own stockyards and those of its customers are full, imports have become an embarrassing and

controversial issue.
In advance of the NCB's mine closure announcements, the Department of Energy was careful to point out earlier this month that the overall level of coal imports, principally from Australia and the United States, this year were expected to fall back by about 2 million tonnes on the 7.5 mil-lion tonnes of foreign coal shipped into power stations and steelworks last year. At the discussion next week between Mr Howell, the NCB and the National Union of Mineworkers, there will be an attempt to thrash out a formula which will secure the target of cutting those imports to what in the vernacular is now to be known as the "irreducible minimum". Translated,

Aerospace

sales record

By Our Air Correspondent

The SBAC said; "This per-

formance was the climax of a decade of steady achievement

for the export drive of the industry, during which new records were set each year from the figure for 1970 of only £277m. The £505m leap in 1980 collined by for the progress of

eclipsed by far the progress of any previous year."

Deliveries of aircraft and parts during 1980 totalled £887m, an increase of £299m over 1979; engines and parts were worth £739m (up £188m) and seronautical instruments worth £86m (up £13m).

Leading export markets were

the United States, with £303m worth of engines and parts (up £122m on 1979), and West Ger-

many, with aircraft parts worth E180m.

During December, the industry exported £157m worth of goods, an increase of £46m, or

42 per cent, on the same month of 1979. The largest totals with-

in that figure were, engines and parts worth £28m to the United

States, and engines and parts worth £12m to West Germany.

By Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

The TUC appealed to the

Government yesterday not to scrap the industrial training boards. Mr Ken Graham, assis-

boards. Mr Ken Granam, assistant general secretary, said:
"It would be an act of folly in 1981 to dismantle industry-wide training arrangements and machinery devised and developed with such care in the 1960s and 1970s."

Mr Graham was speaking at a conference and exhibition on

training for young people orga-nized jointly by the 23 training

nized jointly by the 23 training boards. He contended that the Manpower Services Commission, the ITBs and other joint training bodies were "absolutely essential".

The Employment and Training Bill which received its second reading in Parliament last mouth will give the Government powers to wind up

ernment powers to wind up boards and also to transfer the

operating costs from the Trea-sury to Industry.

Organizations representing employers, including the Con-federation of British Industry, have said that industry is not

prepared to pay extra for the

Mr Graham gave warning vesterday that the demise of the boards would lead to Britain falling even further behind its

main industrial competitors who

The Department of Industry,

industry

that is likely to mean a level of about I million tonnes.

Much of the "minimum" looks like

being left to the British Steel Corporation, which imports premium grades of coking coal principally for its South Wales works and for its Scottish steelmaking operation at Ravenscraig with some other imported coking coal going to furnaces on Teesside. In the financial year ending next month BSC planned to import about 23 million tonnes with about 4.2 million tonnes from

the NCB (although the final domestic figure could reach 4.5 million tonnes). The overall consumption of coking coal by the BSC has been cut by the reduced demand for steel BSC began importing. coal in 1971, mostly for quality reasons. The NCB was unable to provide sufficient quantities of the medium volatile

coking coals required for blending to meet the increasingly exacting requirements for modern blast furnaces. It has also benefited from fluctuation in exchange rates, which have made imported coal cheaper. But the prime reason for the BSC's imports is acknowledged by Sir Derek, who last year agreed to a special deal with the BSC under which the corporation agreed to buy competively priced NCB coal in return for the NCB buying BSC steel and

Steam coal imports shipped under contract to the CEGB, principally to Thameside power stations, and through port facilities at Birkenhead, look like being the main targets for the reduction. But the CEGB's imports, which in the

current financial year were scheduled to rise to a level of about 5 million tonnes. will in fact be down on the forecast levels to between 3.5 million and 4 million tonnes, with the expectation that next year its shipments from Australia and the United States will have fallen to about

2 million ronnes.
It too negotiated a deal with the NCB under which it committed itself to taking 75 million tonnes annually over five years from the NCB, and that agreement runs out in 1984. It was conditional on the price of the domestically produced coal sold to the board not rising above the rate of increase in the retail price index.

But the CEGB is no stranger to the tribulations of the coal industry and the sensitive issue of imports.

The NCB and the CEGB were partners in a deal two and a half years ago masterminded by Mr Howell's predecessor, Mr Anthony Benn, under which the Govern-ment provided £17m to the NCB so that its coal was as competitively priced as imported coal or oil in return the CEGB burned an additional 3 million tonnes of domestically produced coal in the winter of 1978-79 and sold off the equivalent tomage of imported coal which per a particular tomage of imported coal which are a particular to the coal which are to the coal which are to the coal which are to the coal of t tonnage of imported coal which was awaiting shipment from foreign perts.

It maintained the Government's commit-ment to the future of the coal industry, but whether Mr Howell is prepared to be ness. This is not my purpose, and I can perhaps briefly disas generous as his predecessor in his anxiety to be realistic and flexible remains to be seen. part in terms of productivity and other fields of endeavour,

Peter Hill

From Mr J. A. Wedgwood

Sir, Although we have become

accustomed to the differences

which divide the nation in poli-

tical terms, there must be grow-

ing concern at the increasing

tendency to create divisions in

occupational terms, namely, between those who are em-

ployed in the private sector-and

those in the public sector. I wonder whether the nation's

economic recovery will be aided

by repeated acceptuation of this

It seems to me that one of

the more insidious effects this

creates is the defensive posture

that people feel obliged to

adopt, instead of getting on with the business of doing the job and doing it better. As it is

the current vogue to blame most of the nation's ills on the

performance of the public sector, it is, I suppose, natural that your readers may feel that, as chairman of a public trading

corporation. I am succumbing

to this temptation of defensive-

pose of this aspect by acknow-ledging that, whilst I believe

that my board is playing its

we have some way to go yet and are always seeking to do

No, my plea is for a sense of joint purpose and mutual

From Professor M. J. C. Surrey

Sir, Mr Peter Jay's Humpty Dompty-like attitude to words and their meanings has ceased to be an in-joke and is becom-ing a serious obstacle to the

discussion of economic policy. His entire column (January 16)

is premised on the definition of an expansionary fiscal policy as "inflationary". His assertion that more inflation does not

evidence is as cavalier as his attitude to language: in his column of January 5 he pro-posed the existence of an un-

Sir, Kenneth Owen's article on

machine intelligence (February

9) was a most interesting survey of work which is not often

I imply no criticism of his

carefully accurate account, or of the work described, in ven-

turing to suggest that some non-

differ in complexity of organi-

Magnitude.

A four-year-old may be much

From Mrs A: A. Gaddum

been mentioned.

Sir, Much has been written in

the past few weeks about Com-mon Market sugar beet quotas but in all the discussions I have

read, the customer has never

by many orders of

outside. specialist

gence and what is currently appointment, known of human intelligence. I wish the

From Mr David Torvell

reported

Intelligence of machines

specialist readers may be computer systems I am cha-tempted to believe that cerned that an insufficiently machines are within a measur-critical belief in their capacities

able distance of something often subordinates real to

resembling human intelligence. imaginary potential advantages

In fact, current machine intelli- and leads to waste and dis-

Attitudes to language

sets £1,775m Exports by the British aero-space industry rose to a record £1.775m during 1980. This was £505m, or 39.8 per cent more than in the previous year, ac-cording to figures published yesterday by the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC).

A Boeing 757 in Monarch colours, equipped with Rolls-Royce engines.

Monarch picks Rolls-Royce jets

Rolls-Royce bas launched the latest version of its RB211 jet engine with an order worth £25m from the Luton-based in-

dependent airline Monarch.

Monarch said yesterday it is
to buy four 228-seater Boeing 757 sirliners for its package boliday operations. The aircraft, the first two of which will be delivered in 1984, will have the 211-535E engine initially, but will be reflitted with the 211-535E when it becomes everily 535E4 when it becomes avail-able in 1985.

Offering fuel savings of up to 10 per cent over the 535E, the E4 is the engine which Rolls-Royce tried unsuccess-fully to sell to the big United States airlines Delts and American. Both preferred to buy the new Pratt and Whitney 2037

After losing those contracts Lord McFadzean, chairman of Rolls-Royce, alleged that Pratt and Whitney had promised to compensate American Airlines

By John Young Planning Reporter Nearly four-fifths of trunk

Nearly four-fifths of trunk road work design in Britain would in future be carried out by private engineering consultants, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said last night.

At present, consulting engineers were making a net contribution of some £400m a year to the balance of payments through their overseas work, he said. Yet at home, the responsibility for designing trunk roads had been overwhelmingly

roads had been overwhelmingly

"It does not make sense to divide our efforts in this way," he added. "The consultants who win business abroad must have the assurance of a substantial home base."

Mr Fowler's comments formed part of a wide-ranging affirmation of the Government's intention to introduce

as much private capital as possible into the state-owned

the cited as examples Sea-link and British Transport Hotels, both of which had taken second place to the needs of main British Rail business. As

a result, they had lacked investment and proper man-

with urgent public spending needs, is going to make luxury botels one of their first priorities?" he asked, "Common sense points to private interest."

in the public sector.

transport industries,

for private engineers

it waited for its 2037s. Yesterday, Mr Alan Snudden, managing director of Monarch, was asked whether the American engine company had been in competition with Rolls-Royce and had offered him a similar

deal.
"I could not go out of the door without falling over them", he said. "They were offering two things. Remembering that their engine will not be available until 1985, they would provide assistance to carry through to then, while they were willing to give us certain guarantees regarding fuel consumption. We passed this to Rolls-Royce, and they matched it."

Mr Snudden said that the Rolls-Royce 535E4 was a derivative engine of the RB211, while the Pratt and Whitney 2037 contained a lot of new technology, some of which had to be proved. "We felt that Pratt and Whitney would pro-duce a good engine, and get it year.

control.
Amendment defeated: Fears

smeadment to prevent any com-pany acquiring more than 5 per cent holding in a BR subsidiary, but were defeated by 11 votes

tors.
Mr Kenneth Clarke, Under

Secretary for Transport, assured him that the Government was

also against private monopoly and had strengthened the monopoly legislation. The Sec-retary of State had secured

agreement with the chairman of the BR board to transfer a con-trolling interest in the four main subsidiaries—Scalink, Seaspeed,

the railway hotels and BR's

Albert Booth, chief

necessarily mean less unemployment is very likely true, but it is highly contentious to suggest that as a matter of logic it follows that a fiscal stimulus to the economy will not lower unseven engines doing test runs. When we went to East Hartemployment. employment.

No matter how often its sup-posed logical truth is asserted, the proposition that reflation is the same thing as inflation remains au empirical one. Mr Jav's actitude to the statistical ford, Connecticut, these things were not available to us, and that was quite an influence on

our decision. Asked how the deal for the 757s would be financed, Mr Saudden said arrangements had not yet been completed, but it could be a loan or lease, or a mixture of the two. There was no possibility of a subsidised rate of interest from the Goveroment, as in the case of the purchase of Airbuses by Laker and British Caledonian, nor would there be "soft loans" for the airframes from the Export-Import Bank.

Monarch is to buy two further Boeing 737 airliners to add to the two already in its fleet. Its total outlay on new equipment will be in excess of £65m. The airline carries about 1,250,000 passengers on holidays each

Setback for exports ment had no natural role, and where nothing was achieved by government ownership and

The volume of United Kingdom exports, up 2 per cent last year, is likely to be down 3 per cent this year, the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) forecast yesterday. Continuing aftereffects of Britain's lesser competitiveness in carlier years is that the disposal of British Rail's ferries and hotels to private enterprise might result in greater private might result in greater private monopoly, and less choice for the customer were voiced by Labour MPs in the Commons standing committee on the Transport Bill yesterday (Gordon Wellman, Parliamentary Staff, writes).

They pressed to a division an amendment to prevent any com-

category, where higher-thanaverage growth rates are ex-

But growth in world trade generally is expected to be "very low" this year and lower than the small increases seen in

mixture of problems
British exporters— The

rector.

The Government remained confident the board would carry out the agreement but the Secretary of State must reserve to himself powers of direction to enable the policy to be put into affect.

is forecast By Derek Harris,

Commercial Editor

petitiveness in earlier years is thought to be the main factor.

The forecast is made despite

Opposition transport spokesman, protested that under the Bill Mr Fowler could direct British Rail to sell off its subsidiary interests to its main competifacing British exporters— increased domestic costs, rela-tively low productivity gains, high interest rates and a strong pound—faced many companies with "the unenviable choice between losing export turnover or maintaining it with an inade-Quate profit margin," Lord Limerick, BOTB chairman, said. He could see no change coming short-term in such external factors. property group-to the private

There was a slackening of export activity last year with trade fairs, missions and other promotions with which BOTB is involved. Overseas exhibitions declined to 287 from 320 the previous year and missions to

impressed by a book which, after his name has been written in it, begins: "Hullo, Jimmy." Many computer demonstrations DAVID TORVELL, begin with a similarly trans. 3 Elmwood Court, parent greeting. When genu-Pershore Road, inely difficult problems are Birmingham, B5 7PB.

growth expected in markets which have hitherto been strong ones for British goods. Markets such as those of the oil-producing countries are in this

Restricted sugar choice

For the past few years I have made large amounts of marma-lade and therefore do use a lot of sugar. Many batches of the marmalade did not set and it was quite a while before I realized that this invariably happened with beet sugar. As a result, I have used cane

sugar ever since and the prob-lem is solved. However, it is proving difficult to obtain this type of sugar. As Tane & Lyle are faced with the possible closure of their Liverpool factory, this seems all the more In any supermarket a house-

wife can buy many brands of detergents, pet foods, butter, etc, but I cannot recall an in-stance in which I have ever seen more than one type of granulated sugar.

Before it is too late, I should like to urge Mr Peter Walker and others in his Ministry to watch very closely the sugar beet quotas for the next few years so that it is still possible to obtain the sugar of one's choice.

Yours faithfully, HILDA GADDUM, Lane Ends Hosse, Sutton, Near Macclesfield,

Economic progress through unity standing of achievement and problems in differen areas of employment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

sectors in seeking those improvements in performance across the field which are essen-

tial to the nation's secovery.

Leaving aside whether it is pos-sible that a more sympathetic

joint approach to this problem

could receive encouragement in

political circles. I suggest that

the kind of action which could

be intensified at professional

and working level might in-clude the following:

I. Deliberate steps by em-ployers and employees, both through the CBI and the

TUC and otherwise to pro-

mote a fuller interchange of

information and experience

of best practices in each

Similar steps by the professional institutions, who are in a good position to secure

a wider understanding amongst professional people

of better ways of doing things

in the various areas of

A greater emphasis through-

your letters columns by Professors Godley and Nield but no

explanation was forthcoming.
It must be supposed that Mr

Jay's column is meant to con-tribute to the discussion of

economic policy; it is regret-table that his unsubstantiated

dicta tend rather to stille it.

Pace another of Lewis Carroll's
characters, "what I tell you
three times" is sfill not necessarily true.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. C. SURREY, Professor of Economics, School of Economic Studies,

under attack, however, it may

be less apparent that such phrases as "I am considering the possibility of " (a lead/zinc deposit) are of the "Hullo, Jimmy" type.

I regard the blurring of

genuine achievement by such cosmetic devices as regrettable.

As one sometimes involved in

picking up the pieces of failed computer systems I am cha-

gence researchers well, but their current machines are as

distant from true intelligence

The University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT. February 16.

employment.

economy.

The promotion of close understanding thorugh initiatives taken by individua businesses and services. The joint meetings which som 123 to of us arrange from 123 to 123 of us arrange from time to discuss the product of product of the p and services we offer could also be used for getting 1,6 know about the way we ear do things. If we open the windows a little wider, with the may find that as much the property is valuable will enter the property of the control of the property of the control of the property of the control of the co is valuable will enter as we have

escape.

I believe that the pursuit tell to be such measures could help to concentrate attention on on the such measures attention on the such measures and on the such measures, and on the such measures and to the nation's ability to creat to the nation's ability to creat the same time, we need that the same time, we need that revive the sense of dignity on the such measures and respect for, all essent. work undertaken with did that service. And let us acknowledged the found. stre proprie

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out the educational system of the significance and importance of the different sectors of the national JOHN WEDGWOOD, A conscious effort by public speakers and by the media to base comment on facts, to search out the best as Chairman, Southern Electricity, Southern Electricity House, Littlewick Green, well as the worst, and to foster a better public under-Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 3QB,

Peanut results

explained lag of three to five years between a change in monetary policy and a change in the rate of inflation. In terms of unemployment, he suggested that "we" (ie "they") "are getting where we basically deserve to be." These assertions were challenged in your letters columns by Profes-From Mr R. Jeff Sir, During the last war, as read this member of an agency hour that a concontrolling, among other to the current cerns, a large number of visite current have gardens, when it seemed likel among the at one stage, that the Japane knowles the would penetrate into India are but into yould thus our off would thus cut off our supplimentation of fuel oil I decided to laves a one han gate the possibility of running doubts that our oil engines on vegetable and better ir inc. peanut oil. i.e., peanut oil.

In the first instance to committed tried out various proportions; a mix with the usual fuel of The trials were satisfactory a we were able to go on to in the per cent peanut oil with expension ent results.

I then advised the representation tatives of various oil engine makers who, I am afraid, poor poohed the idea. I then produced indicates profits a diagrams which these say is per cen representatives could not big thin demo

in any way, nor did the engine correct interfoul up any more than with deposit re normal oil. Luckily, the invasion new Tile tax

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as a flint axe is from Concorde. Merstham, Superstitious belief is dan Surrey, RH1 gerous in this as in other areas. February 11. Yours faithfully, Merstham, Surrey, RH1 3EN. Wollie.

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SCATS ON AITCRAINED exceed in From Mr Rowland Cobbold in there of I Sir. I was most concerned the divident read Mr Morgan's letter beautiful exciteme 18). It is certainly not our idea the company we have sleeper seats fineral over could we have sleeper seats fineral over could we have now fitted the first compartment including the acquisition upstairs lounge which mantifilipe that we have 25 seats avail on each departure to Eah and Hongkong. We do redurant importance only surcharge over it as powerful access to these seats. Yours faithfully.

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ROWLAND COBEOLD, Green Paper, Cathay Pacific Airways, 123 Pall Mall. London, SW1Y SEA. February 18.

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THE THROGMORTON SECURED GROWTH TRUST LIMITED INTERIM REVENUE STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	Six Months to 31.1.81	Six Months to 31.1.80	Year En 31.7.80
GROSS REVENUE	362,198	389.523	803,577
Less: Interest charges	158,747	158.747	317,494
Administration	23,041	19.306	46,695
•	180,410	211,540	439,188
Less: Taxarion	60,969	74,366	132,653
EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD	£119.441	£137,174	1306,535
	23.772		-300,3.13
EARNINGS PER SHARE	1.10p	1.37p	3 07n
DIVIDENDS:			
Interim 0.6125p (1980—0.6125n) Final — (1980—19625n)	61,250	61,250	61,250
Final — (1980—1.9625p)	_		195,250
COST OF DIVIDENDS	£51,250	161,250	1257,500
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Undistributed revenue of the period Brought forward	58,191	75,924	49,035
Brought forward Less: Transfer to reserve against pre-	10,478	19,756	19,756
liminary expenses		_	58,313
UNAPPROPRIATED REVENUE CARRIED			
FORWARD	568,669	-cn5 680	510,478

The Board of Directors are pleased to declare an interim dividend of 0.6125p per share (1980—0.6125p) payable on 3rd April 1931 to ordinary shareholders on the register at the close of business on 12th March 1981, and anticipate that the total dividend for the year will not be less than that paid tast year.

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The department also is con-

NET ASSET VALUE APPLICABLE TO EACH UNIT OF CAPITAL LOAN STOCK (Debentures at par)

Department of Industry. Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Information Technology, said that the technologies represent British Telecom and Logica, the computer software house, a key growth area in the British have formed a pilot consortium to sell British Videotext and teletext technology in the The minister added: "They United States. are important technical devel-The venture will be called British Videotext and Teletext (EVT) and will initially operate opments in which Britain now leads the world and they must be promoted because of the commercial and industrial benefits which can fall to for a two-year period with a budget of \$1.5m.

£1.5m technology sales

drive in America planned

have highly-developed statutory training systems supported by huge resources. He said a creditable training strategy for Britain could not be based on a return to a voluntary system.

Industrial competitors was one of their first priorities? The asked, "Comment sense points to private investment."

There were other cases, such as that of the National Freight Corporation, where the Govern-

Each partner has contributed 5500,000 and the aim will be The new group will work from New York and will be closely associated with Logica to present a uniform marketing front in America.

British Telecom's Prestel technology, and the teletext expertise of the BBC's Ceefax Last mouth all of the interested parties in the infor-mation feedboology industry met service and ITV's Oracle will be sold by BVT, along with in London to formulate a policy associated computer software which would assist in the pro-motion of Prestel and the designed by Logica.

Initiative has come from the Oracle and Ceefax services.

Incorporated partnership plan to aid companies By Bryan Appleyard A new type of business which can help small companies and

relieve the workload of Companies House, is proposed by the Government in a Green Paper published yesterday. Based on an idea advanced by Professor L. C. B. Gower, an adviser to the Department of Trade, the proposal would

ply with elaborate regulations.
Mr Reginald Eyre, the Under
Secretary of State for Trade,
said the Companies Acts
imposed burdens which "may
be inautropriate on some small

create an incorporated partner-ship with limited liability. This would free new ven-tures of the necessity to com-

be inappropriate on some small firms, particularly in relation to their internal organization and the disclosure of their affairs."

cerned at the heavy overloading registration requirements is placing on Companies House, Some 330,000 companies are in default on the registering of their accounts out of the total of 800,000 active companies.

Companies House has started proceedings over 14,000 of them and some 10,000 letters were sent out two weeks ago to defaulting companies. Professor Cower's scheme would involve the creation of

partners who were managers and owners of companies yet with limited liability. It would provide both the

continuity and legal " persona-lity" which partnerships do not now necessarily have, while avoiding the paraphernalia of annual meetings and accounts for the traditional companies. Financial Editor, page 19

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Credibility gap for the dollar

s President Reagan moves boldly to give new lease of life to the United States onomy, there is no need to be too cynical. it for United Kingdom observers who have on our own aspirations at supply-side onomics and medium-term financial planing move off to so dramatically bad a start, is hard to be otherwise.

Even before the political problems in shing the plan through are faced, the embers put forward by the Reagan Administration for future GNP growth, for a radily diminishing Federal deficit and for lling inflation strain credibility. Suffice it say for the moment that the implied forest of nominal GDP growth of some 12 per at both this year and next remains hard reconcile with the Federal Reserve's rrent-year aim of keeping monetary owth at less than half that rate.

The only sensible conclusion to be drawn om this is that, on average, dollar interest tes look likely to remain high for the eseeable future. But to say that this is cessarily bullish for the dollar is altother more problematical. As expected, the ndesbank moved yesterday to tighten Ger-in interest rates and reduce the recent pe for the German banks to provide the ads used to speculate against the utschemark.

How much stability that will lend to the illar-Deutschemark exchange rate remains be seen. The obviously vulnerable curacy is, of course, sterling. Yesterday's mey supply figures, particularly the furer moderation in private sector credit mand, add strength to the case for an rly 2 point cut in MLR despite the poor

But even sterling's prospects are not that sy to judge at this stage. Short-term, it juld seem that a good part of our surplus rnings on the current account of the balce of payments have recently been held dollar deposits: these will probably have be moved back into sterling as and when mpanies require the funds for domestic e. On the other hand, the Budget comes ser and doubts that the Government will very much better in financial terms next ar inevitably linger as more and more nds are committed to the nationalized

me Darby

diversification enefits

ith interim profits after tax and minoris up by 18 per cent to M\$63.6m, Sime rby has again demonstrated the sounds of its diverse interests in one of the rld's strongest regional economies, though pretax tax profits in fact fell ghtly to M\$137m despite the 12.3 per it increase in turnover to M\$1,247m, pital spending helped to reduce taxes, so iducing the higher after-tax figure.

The strong point was undoubtedly Trac-s Malaysia, which contributed M\$50.2m pretax profits, compared with M\$37.9m se has pulled in contracting business as rastructure development has gone ahead der Malaysa's Fourth Plan.

logging was not so good, but even here seems that business in Sarawak held up U. Tractors' success is important since ie has been trying to diversify into lustry and engineering away from its ditional plantations base. Now Tractors exploiting that success by making a oneeight rights issue.

f higher palm oil prices help plantations over from their first-half drop, and if ictors maintains its progress, Sime should least equal last year's M\$266m pretax I could well exceed it. That would give nings per share of between 22 and 23 its, and the dividend should be mainred at 13 cents.

but the real excitement for shareholders in what the company intends to do with proceeds from the Anoy Canning sale. major takeover could be politically diffit, so Sime may just take advantage of h interest rates, but there is no doubt t a sizable acquisition would give earns a distinct fillip.

The bureaucratic imperatives have prob-'y proved as powerful as the economic 25 in the Government's decision to resurt the debate over the necessity for a new le of incorporation with the Department Trade's Green Paper. The present system

of registration and disclosure is clearly ckling under the strain of the rate of new company formation. Only a substantial—and politically unpalatable—expansion of the Companies' House staff could have any impact on the number of companies defaulting on the disclosure requirements.

So in very tentatively proposing a new form of incorporated partnership with limited liability as a means of lifting the burdens of successive companies acts from small companies, the Government is evidently after two birds with the same stone

In terms of helping small companies the politically attractive bird—it seems fair enough. The "incorporated limited firm" exists in various forms in most other Euro-pean countries and would, with adequate safeguards for creditors, provide a route to limited liability without most of the procedural elaborations.

Yet as a real step towards revitalizing small business it can hardly be taken too seriously. It would be a very feeble enter-prise indeed which required this legal shove get it off the ground. The real inhibitors of small business are economic and institu-tional, the danger is that too much weight may be given to these bureaucratic ones.

 Associated Fisheries has spent the last five years busily reducing its fishing activi-ties to the extent that its on-shore activities now account for about three-quarters of capital employed. But the traveling fleet is still proving a drain and heavy trading losses there as well as in fish processing have knocked the recovery, which seemed to be underway, smartly on the head.

A return to losses in the second half of the year to last September has eroded all but £5,000 of the £638,000, pretex profit earned in the first half and the outturn, which included £296,000 of government grants compares with profits of £2.19m the

Doubled interest charges of £534,000 and £664,000 redundancy costs were partly to blame but the extent of the downturn in fishing and fish processing can be gauged from the fact that the group's other activi-ties which accounted for all of the previous year's profit, have not done too badly.

More than anything Associated needs the continuing impasse over a common fisheries policy in the European Community to be resolved. In the meantime, the recession is biting harder although the group was back in profit in the first four months of 1980-81 and there was a substantial drop in year-end borrowings because of ship sales and working capital cuts.

So the shares, down 5p at 48p, and yielding 3 per cent remain a play on the substan-tial asset-backing and the 38.4 per cent stake held by Eastern Produce.

Marchwiel

Sudan

losses

Bears of Marchwiel, were caught out yesterecision to keep the total gross dividend at 8.58p; and by the appearance of a tiny £654,000 profit even after providing £10.1m to cover losses on the longrunning contract to build a road in the Sudan. Just as important, the £10.1m should be the end of contract because it expires in

With a bit of luck, it could be that Marchwiel will find that it has overprovided though, this is the main reason why the group hopes for "very substantial increases in profits" this year. But the shares after yesterday's 7p rise to 96p are still yielding nearly 9 per cent, one of the highest returns in the construction list.

Meanwhile, business remains tough. In turnover terms. Marchwiel is still largely a United Kingdom business; and it is also the group's misfortune to have become so dependent on public work, but this is less than

The group has outstanding orders of around £200m, and though it has recently won four useful domestic orders, signs of sustained recovery are faint. So the shares depend as much as anything on Marchwiel's strong balance sheet.

Net assets a share are 164p; and cash and short-term investments are now around £16m against £20m the year before and a market capitalization of Elim. Diversification and North Sea oil may come to some thing but the shares may pause for a bit on the view that the dividend is unlikely to be raised next time.

Frank Vogl

Mr Reagan's high risk strategy

'America's free-wheeling tycoons of a century

ago would have cheered wildly

on Wednesday night as the President

told Congress he plans to cut

spending, taxes and governmental regulation?

Washington The walls of the twisting corridor between the Oval Office and the staff dining room in the west wing of the White House

west wing of the Winte House are now covered with some fifty colour photographs of Ronald Reagan, running, talking, waving hand-shaking and horse riding.

The man of action, the President of the United States, made his first speech to a joint session of the Congress on Wednesday night and true to form the sparks were flying.

The President has embarked upon a high risk strategy. Even minor miscalculations can lead

minor miscalculations can lead the nation into far rougher economic waters. The adds on the new programme generating more inflation, rather than less, are high are high.

The programme has been pre-sented with force and confi-dence, which given the enorm-ity of the requests, might best be ascribed to simple innocence about running America. The Reagan team, after all, has been in power for less than four weeks.

The President is asking nothing less than that Americans turn from lavish credit card consumption to savings, that Congressmen burl aside big spending habits formed over decades and become misers, that the Federal Reserve Board

that the Federal Reserve Board embraces rigid monetarism, and that the federal bureaucracy works overtime to get rid of Civil Service jobs.

Mr Reagan is trying good old fashioned capitalism which, thanks to his public relations assistants, is called "supplyside" economics. America's free-wheeling tycoons of a century ago would have cheered wildly on Wednesday night as the President told Congress he plans to cut spending, cut taxes and cut governmental regulations.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Fed, has warned in recent months that public spending cuts must come before tax cuts and he asserted that hig tax cuts could be inflationary. President Carter took the same stance. Mr Reagan has ignored the advice and is not making his big tax reductions contingent on spend-

cans are taked too much. Cuts of 30 per cent for everyone, irrespective of whether earnings are \$15,000 a year or \$150,000 are proposed for the next 31 years. Mr Robert Byrd, the Secretary proposed to the next 31 years. ing cuts, but pushing them through rapidly. His plans envisage bigger budget delicits than those proposed by his predecessor, but he claims his scheme will balve inflation in the Senate's minority leader, has already denounced this plan

national product. over 1007
years from 23 per cent to 19
per cent, while at the same,
time maintaining social security
rises and sharply boosting
defeace expenditure. To do
this the President proposes to
eliminate or drastically cut
almost every domestic spending
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almost every domestic spending programme other than the most basic income support ones.

For example, if the Reagan plan goes through hundreds of thousands of unemployed car workers in Detroit will find themselves without unemployment benefits because they have already been jobless for more than six months. The social consequences of this for Detroit could be grave, but the White House says not to worry, because its plans will produce a car buying boom in America soon.

four years.
To be specific, the President

plans to cut government spend-ing as a percentage of the gross national product, over four

soon.
On the spending front, in fact, the President is asking the Congress to abolish wholesale many of the agencies and programmes that the Congress has built-up over the past 15 years. Total spending cuts for the next fiscal year are set at over \$40,000m (£17,500m). Prudent forerasts would suggest the Congress will not approve even half these reduction As for taxation, the President

is putting into practice his firm conviction that wealthy Ameritold to

as inequirable and it is just possible that the Congress will widen the tax cuts by giving more to lower and middle

income earners.

The White House tax plan means a cut in revenues in the next fiscal year of \$53,900m, or some \$12,000m more than the saving from spending cuts. the saving from spending cuts. The plan envisages a 545,000m deficit in the budget next year, deficit in the budget next year, which is \$17,000m greater than Jimmy Carter's budget proposal. Mareover, the new deficit estimate is based on the assumption that inflation will fall to around 3 per tent next year (from 11.1 per cent) and real contonic growth will quadruple to more than 4 per cent.

The Reagan budger amounts to more stimulus for the overinflated economy than the Carter budget did and if Congress fails to make all the spending cuts requested and adds to the tax cuts (by widening their scope) then the level of stimulus will be far, far greater. To reach the planned reductions in the budget deficits in 1983 and 1984 the President will have to go back to Congress for more spending cuts totalling over \$30,000m. A key element in the President's plan is firm monetary policies. The Fed has been

interest rate changes and focus solely on long-term money supply objectives. It has been told by the White House to halve the rate of money supply growth in a con-sistent fashion over the next

The Fed's task will be much harder, it the budget deficit increases, rather than falls. The White House says the Fed will be aided as much of the tax cuts will move into savings and these savings, rather than new credit supply, will finance the budget difficits. The Fed is un-

likely to bank on this.

Recent experience has shown that the Fed's money stock control skills leave much to be desired. One in tempted to suggest that the President has taken an overdose of wish-ful thinking about the Fed's role.
Some modest assistance will

come to the Fed as the Administration seeks to cut off budget credit programmes by government agencies. Such cuts are set at \$5,700m for next year and details of bigger cuts for future years will be released along with all the fine print of the new budget on March 10.

The fourth prong of the Reagan strategy, alongside spending taxation and money, is reing taxanon and money, is reducing governmental regulation.

Many United States regulatory agencies have taken 50 years to develop. They represent powerful lobbies, are backed by powerful Congressmen and are appropriated by Legions and civil supported by legions of civil servants. Dramatic cuts in government regulation of busiignore . short-term ness may be desired, but no ex-

perienced Washington hand is likely to suggest that the new Administration will have much

success here.

Clearly if the budget deficit rises, rather than falls and money supply grows more rapidly than Ronald Reagan derapidly than Ronald Reagan desires and governmental regula-tion abounds as before, then in-flation will rise, not fall. But the White House insists, of course, that all elements of its programme will be implemented

The Administration says that cuts in spending and righter money policies will reduce fears of future inflation and this it-self will lead to interest rate reductions and a surge in sav-ings and investments. The in-vestment boom will be strength-ened by the new business tax cuts. As plant and equipment spending rise in the private sector so productivity gains will be seen, thus raising expecta-tions of a more stable economy. This in turn will reduce interest rates still further, encouraging still more private sector savings and investments.

and investments.

This is the simple logic of the architects of the new programme. Their forecasts of a new era of prosperity where, by the middle of the decade the budget will be in surplus, the inflation rate under 5 per ceut and the real growth rate about 5 per cent, may just become reality if every element in the new plan is rapidly implemented.

The broad sweep of the programme is breathtaking. Success would revive the world economy and be a blow to socialism everywhere. But success will crucially depend upon President Reagan's talents as a salesman.

one may question whether he has got the stamina for a campaign tougher still than the election one of last year. To force the programme down the throats of Congress and the Civil Service alone demands an extraordinary degree of poliextraordinary degree of political skill, and if Mr Reagan fails, then one might hear more of vice-president George Bush, who, when challenging Reagan on the election stump early last year, described the old Holly-wood actor's theories as "Voodoo economics".

Technology

How the heat pump blows hot and cold

When something for nothing is offered well-brought-up individuals will naturally look for the catch; the very idea flies in the face of Murphy's Law and so it cannot be true. But, in energy terms, a something for-nothing technology is already with us (the idea was already with Lord Kelvin, the reset unwhematical physicist. great mathematical physicist, in the mid-1800s, but it is

rather more recently that it has been applied).

The technology is that of the heat pump, and it gives something for nothing in the sense that it produces more energy (typically for space or water heating in buildings) than it consumes. It is in effect the principle of the refrigerator in reverse, with the system taking heat (albeit at low temperature) from the outside air and concentrating it for use inside a building.

building.

Heat pumps can be used in conjunction with unconventional heating systems such as solar panels, and as an integral part of air-conditioning systems. The interior of such disparate premises as Frederick's restaurant, Camden Passage, London, the Mothercare shop, Woking the C.S.A building, Arndale Centre, Manchester, Martin's newsagents, Hay-Martin's newsagents, Hay-wards Heath, Roach Vale County Primary School, Essex and the bistro at Liverpool Street Station, London, are among those that have been made more cost-effectively comfortable with the help of

eat pumps.

deaser and the other as an evaporator; which is which depends on whether the circuit is heating or cooling (in typical applications the heat passe provides a reversible air-condition-

ing system).

A refrigerant (normally a Freez fluid) circulates through the colls. In use for heating, the through a speciment exponents in liquid refrigerant evapora the outside coil, absorbing lowgrade heat from the omside air. An electrically driven com-pressor is used to compress the refrigerant (now in gas form). As the gas is compressed its pressure and temperature are

Passing to the inside coil, the gas then condenses by giving up heat, providing warm air for the interior. The condensed refrigerant passes tack to the outside coll and the cycle is repented. Valves enable the flow to be reversed for cooling (with the outer coil acting as condenser and the inner one as evaporator) or to defrost the outer coil

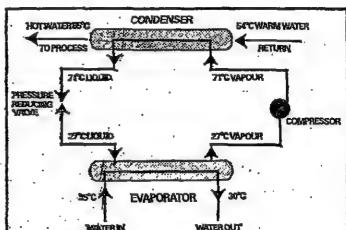
The performance of heat pumps is measured by the ratio of the heat produced to the work (in energy terms) put in. This is known as the coeffi-cient of performance (heating) and it is always greater than one, reflecting the fact that, uniquely, the heat pump pro-duces more usable energy. duces more use than it consumes.

In a number of installations monitored by the Electricity Council in recent years, includ-The refrigerator-in-reverse ing the premises referred to heat-pump systems can be tabel is an over-simplification, but a heat pump uses the same basic components as a vapour-basic components as a vapour-compression refrigerator—an outside heat-exchanger coil, an 2.5 or 3 kilowatts of useful heat the roof can be used.

Justin Dukes, the man who took the Financial Times into Europe, is leaving it there. From May 1, he is to be founder-managing director and deputy chief executive of Channel Four, the new commercial television channel due to come of air next year.

The announcement came as

to come on air next year.



For industrial use, a heat pump can take water (or air) at 35°C and produce water (or air) at 65°C. This flow diagram is based on the Westinghouse "Templifier" design.

energy is produced. Energy savings on hearing have amounted to 40 per cent in some cases.

Heat pumps used in this manner for heating and cooling the interiors of commercial buildings can in principle obtain their heat input from the ground or from water, but the outside air is normally used, with the installations located on the roof. The heat pump system at the Royal Festival Hall, London was designed to take heat from the Thames.

Professor Ewart Neal of the University of Aston, Birming-ham has pointed out ways in which the efficiency of domestic

for the paper. While there is no doubt that it is an advanced and inturistic step in the com-munications world, it is equally

certain that the move has cost

the FT's owners Pearson Long-

Dukes, joint managing director of the FT and chairman of Financial Times (Europe), dreamed up the scheme after his masterplan for turning the

man dear.

spacial solar panels, appropriately located evaporator coils can take advantage of higher air temperatures, Professor Neal has shown. The normal roof of a house absorbs solar radiation and the heat-pump evaporator is installed in the roof space. Even greater energy savings are possible if a "thermal store"—for example, a basement water tank—is also incorporated. Heat is transferred to the store by one heat exchanger and taken from the

store as required by another.

In industry, the heat pump provides one way of recovering process heat—from the hot exhausts of ovens and furnaces, for example—that would otherwise be wasted. A typical upper temperature

at which heat can be delivered using heat pumps is about 50°C, but higher-temperature hear pumps have also been developed. One such system, based on research and development by the Electricity Council Research Centre at Capenhurst, Cheshire, and Westair Dynamics was designed to give an improved drying process for the timber industry. Here the condenser operated at 90°C, giving airstream temperatures of 80°C.

Another use is in hearbut higher-temperature hear

Another use is in heat-recovery systems for swimming pools. Last week Mr Robert Peddie, chairman of the South Eastern Electricity Board, des-cribed progress in this area at Eastforms Leisure Pool the Eastbourne Leisure Pool, the hundredth swimming pool in Britain to have electric hear

pumps installed for energy saving air and water heating "Using heat recovery with dehumidification by an electric heat pump means that most of the heat energy comes from within the building itself and the total amount of energy delivered can be greatly reduced", he said. "Here at Eastbourne there will be a 25 Eastbourne there will be a 75 per cent reduction in the delivered energy which has to be paid for."

Swimming pools need venti-lation to remove moisture from the air, beating for the pool— to about 27°C— (creating more moisture in turn by evapora-tion), and heating of the air used for ventilation to a comfortable temperature. This normally demands a great deal

of heat energy from the boiler. Using a heat pump dehumidof ventilating air is then needed, and recovered heat can be used to heat the air, pool water, and water for showers.

Heat pumps are being applied also in dairies, for a variety of tasks including milk chilling and heat recovery. A combined water and heat re-combined water and heat re-covery system based on a Westinghouse heat pump was opened this week at the Milk Marketing Board's dairy (pri-marily a bottling and cartoning depot) at Bamber Bridge, Lancashire.

The type of heat pump used in this installation, known as a "Templifier" or temperature amplifier, has a large compressor which enables water temperatures up to 110°C to be produced. Capital cost of the Bamber Bridge project, implemented by NEI Projects, Westinghouse Electric and APL Wallis Associates the consultant engineers, is expected to be recovered in four years from the savings achieved

Heat pumps provide substan-tial energy savings, and it would be surprising if their use in industry is not followed by their widespread adoption in domestic systems. Lord Kelvin was ahead of his time in two respects: in the idea, in the 1850s, of heating houses by abstracting energy from the stracting energy from the earth; and also in the name he gave to his proposed device. He called it a "heat multiplier" which Westinghouse have now rephrased as the temperature amplifier.

Kenneth Owen

1979

Business Diary: Kerkorian's Columbia payoff • Mary, Mary quite exemplary

k Kerkorian's battle to con-l Columbia Pictures appears r with the maverick finanr emerging a winner to the te of \$79m (£34.5m).

For three years Kerkorian I Columbia have been locked legal squabbles over who I run the film company. But Wednesday it was announced t Kerkorian will get \$55 a share in cash and notes for massive holdings of Colum-compon stock which adds to \$2,438,700.

The price be will receive if lumbia's directors approve when they meet next Wedday, represents a 44 per it premium over the current rket value of the stock which sed on Wednesday at 538.75. l'his is a spectacular coup

the low key ex-pilot who l have more than doubled investment he began to ke in 1978, when the buying ce averaged \$24. It is likely that as a result this singular work of reference. the settlement all pending

y suits will be dropped. As rt of the deal, Kerkorian lumbia stock or participate the world.

nt interest bearing note due pany since 1927, following the

on January 31, 1983. The settlement ends one of Hollywood's biggest power struggles, between Kerkorian and Wall Street broker Herb Allen, a powerful Columbia director. Eyen if Kerkorian had won

his law suit it is believed that he would have had a tough struggle to take control of the studio and agreeing to sell out was a smart step by him. What will Kerkorian do with

the cash? Twentieth Century Fox studios is the focus of takeover rumours and so Business Diary would not be surprised to see the film-struck Kerkorian moving in there.

 Norris WcWhirter and his team at the Guinness Book of Records are carrying out their annual review of superlatives ahead of the publication this October of the next edition of

One claim McWhirter and company will be checking out is that Mary Moody (right) is s promised not to repurchase the oldest company chairman in

any proxy fight for at least Mrs Moody, who will be 100 on April 7, is the chairman of He will get \$37.50 a share the Stourbridge stationers Mark sh and the balance will be & Moody's, who has been chairyable in the form of a 6 per man of the 140-year-old com- pect, are held by members of

Julia Rawlings (right) yesterday presented this cheque for £88,330 to Robin Leigh-Pemberton, chairman of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

She handed over the money as part of centenary celebra-tions of the construction company, George Wimpey, whose employees raised £250,000 for charity last year.

For Leigh-Pemberton, the day was of double rapture. Not only was he pulling in the cash for his favourite charity, but the cheque in the hands of the fair Julia is of the National Westminster Bank denomination, NatWest being Wimpey's bankers and Leigh-Pemberton being chairness of NatWest. chairman of NatiVest.

death of her husband Arthur the previous year. Should Mrs Moody's claim

check out-and there cannot be that many chairmen of her age then McWhirter will have to institute a new category. There is no "oldest chair-

man" slot at the momentalthough in the "longest working tareer " section, there is longest working life recorded in the United Kingdom" and longest recorded industrial

career in one job ". Both these, as you might ex-



The holder of the former is a Miss Polly Gadsby, who having started work aged nine with Archibald Turner and Company of Leicester, was still working there 86 years later in 1932 wrapping elastic.

Then there was Susan O'Hagan whose death in 1909 at the age of 107 ended 97 years in Lisbura, near Beliast

man. Roll over, Theodore, owd lad, it could be your time has come.



something of a surprise at the FT yesterday, but there again the office grapevine has never paper over to new technology bit the dust. Edmund Dell, the former Setzetary of State for Trade who now chairs Channel Four, counced Dukes' appointment yesterday

In reality, he will be the administrative man under chief executive Jeremy Isaacs, running everything except programming policy which remains the preserve of the other deputy chief executive and also channel controller Paul Bomer.

The FT's marketing director, Pichard McClean becomes MD. Richard McClean, becomes MD (marketing) and the other present joint MD Alan Cox becomes MD (production and

I do not know whether it is any consolation or not, but Japan's bankruptcies hit a record 1,314 cases (up 10.5 per cent) in January—but then the value of their debts dropped by about the same amount. That is efficiency for you.

Ross Davies

SALES DURING THE YEAR 1980

(in millions of French Francs)

Pre-tax sales of the mother company amounted to: 1 769.4 against: 1 771.3 for the year 1979.

They are broken down as follows:

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Consolidated sales reached: 2 262.2 against: 2 130.0 for the year 1979 which means an increase of: 6.2%.

Government concessions inspire equities

The Government's retreat on the coal dispute, which resulted in a return to work call by miners' leaders, brought a renewed surge of confidence to

the market yesterday.

Jobbers reported increased turnover with more emphasis placed on leading industrials. Indeed, one leading pension fund was reported to be a big huyer of selected blue chips and was partly responsible for sharp increases in Glaxo, up 6p to 270p, Unilever, 8p to 463p, Hawker Siddeley, 14p to 280p, and Metal Box, 6p to

The FT Index, which made a cautious start, soon gathered pace and closed 4.9 higher at 494.2, having been 5.0 higher at

1 pm.

But the climbdown by the Government in the face of such sudden strike action by the miners remained the main talking point. One leading jobber said the U-turn might be the prelude to changes in favour of the manufacturing industry in the forthcoming Budget. So in the forthcoming Budget. So sentiment remained firm and was further reinforced by the money supply figures, which were in line with expectations. Overall conditions were described as almost perfect for the launch of dealing in shares of British Aerospace later this morning. Johbers were hisy neroing. Jobbers were busy last night laying on extra staff to cope with business which is expected to be chaotic and the Stock Exchange doors will be opened 10 minutes earlier than would be staged to be present the property were also busy usual. Brokers were also busy. upgrading earlier forecasts and now expect that the shares will

open above the 15p premium originally predicted. Gilts made an encouraging start as investors bedged their hets in case of a rossible cut in MLR at 12.30. The Government broker took advantage of the situation to activate some more of the new rap Treasury 12 per cent 1986 which he opened up at £20; although he encountered only modest sup-

The decision to leave MLR unchanged saw only small profit

taking in the afternoon and newed demand but stock short-many issues still recorded ages continued to make for sizeable increases. In longs rises volatile conditions among the of £1 to £1 were recorded while in shorts the gains were extended to £1 in places.

Leaders made further progress after a confusced start brought about by Mr Arthur Scargill's statement that Yorkshire miners intended still to strike on Monday.

Coal dispute news sent mining suppliers racing ahead yesterday. One broker was able to un-load over 250,000 shares in Dobson Park at the market price in a matter of mirutes. The shares closed 5p higher at

Rises of up to 3p were seen in ICI at 296p, Beecham at 183p, Fisons at 141p, after 143p, GKN at 152p and Lucas Industries at 171p. But BOC Inter-national fell 5p to 115p on cons-ment over Wednesday's first quarrer figures.

quarter figures.

The Government's pledge of further support for the National Coal Board brought a flurry of activity to mining suppliers. Anderson Strathclyde hardened 3 p to 76 p, Dowty 8p to 230p, Mining Supplies 5p to 132p and Burnett & Hallamshire 12p to 905p. AAH held steady at 185p, after 187p.

Electricals encountered re-

ages continued to make for volatile conditions among the jobbers. The British Aerospace debut also brought a little spice

to many of the electronic issues involved in aerospace activities.

GEC leapt 13p to 646p accompanied by Racal, 10p higher at 351p, and Ferranti up 5p to 500p. Plessey, reporting third quarter figures next Thursday, hardened 4p to 104p. Among second line issues Eurotherm International was favoured, climbing 11p to 266p while MK Electric rose 12p to 198p and Electrocomponents 25p to 688p.

Banks were in a quiet mood ahead of the dividend season, which begins today led by Lloyds, ip higher at 326p. Midland held steady at 328p, but Barclays shed 4p to 391p and National Westminster 2p

In financials the full-year figures from jobbers Smith Bros were slightly above expectations and the shares advanced 2p to 42p, while English Association climbed 25p to 465p after its interim statement, But Goode Durrant } Murray fell 61p to 21p after trading

Associated Fisheries retreating 50 to 48p, Sime Darby 3p to 81p and Daejan 13p to 165p, Associated risideries retreating cost cuting exercise. Shares of Woolworth closed steady at 54p, after 53p, and stock shortages although better than expected profits lifted William Whitting-liam 12p to 140p and Marchivel recovered 7p to 96p after appeared to be left behind as

turning in a small profit, the shares slipped another 4p Wedgwood, still making the to 238p. most from recent figures, was 8c dearer at 672p.

Awaiting further develop-nents F. Pratt, where Bardsey holds 12 per cent, raced ahead 8p to 118p. Davy Corp, still fending off the approaches of Enserch, hardened 4p to 147p and Denbyware improved 2p to 88p in response to the bid from Crown House. A warning to take no action for the time being from the board of London Sumatra on the bid from Harrisons & Crosfield had the former 13p stronger at

BPC railied 12p to 15p from recent comment over the attempted rescue from Perga-mon Press but in buildings London Brick lost ip to 69 in on its planned closure of its Ridemont works.

In engineering, support was found for BET D'id, 7p higher at 123p, but Duport eased 1p to 11½p as the market awaited an announcement on the Phoe-

nix Two project.

Stores ended the day in a better frame of mind in spite of fears of a High Street price war in the wake of Woolworth's cost cutting exercise. Shares of Woolworth closed stands at 540

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Oils saw renewed demand

across the board in sharp contrast to Wednesday when investors held off in anticipation President Reagan's tough budget speech. Among the leaders BP added 6p to 396p, Shell 8p to 406p, Ultramar 10p to 468p, Lasmo 13p to 647p, Tri-centrol 8p to 316p and Burmah 4p to 180p. Demand was also keen among second liners and Berkeley Exploration stood out with a 20p rise at 258p while in "Aussies" Strata Oil recovered from its earlier disappoint ment over Woodada, rallying 10p to 186p.

Around 500,000 shares of Har Around sould shares of ran-son Trust, which has just failed in its bid for Central Manu-facturing & Trading, were placed in the market this week

Properties drew a small amount of speculative support in the hope of cheaper money. Profit taking in the afternoon saw most issues close off the top but most were still showing plus signs at the close, MEPC rose 3p to 238p, Land Securities 5p to 400p, Hammerson 'A' 10p to 645p and Stock Conversion 7p to 355p.

Equity turnover on February

Equity turnover on February 18 was £123.768m (15.152 bar-18 was £123.768m (15.152 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, GEC. Boots, Fisons, Dobson Park, ICI, BP, BAT, Beecham, Turner & Newall, RTZ, Land Securities, IC Gas, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and Associated Dairies.

Traded options enjoyed the upturn in the main equity marker and 932 contracts were recorded compared with the recorded compared with the previous day's 290. Grand Met was favoured with 263 followed by Racal with 121.

Traditional options saw calls in Firth Brown on 31p, Ultra-mar on 42p and Amal Dist Prods on 51p.

Howard Machinery baffled as Diamond raises stake

By Catherine Gunn

Speculation over the intentions of private American com-pany Diamond Industries mounted at Howard Machinery yesterday after news that Diamond had taken its stake in Howard to 16.7 per cent. The shares gained 1p to 30p.

Diamond . Industries bought the extra 355,000 shares from private trust Marlborough Securities, previously a staunch holder of Howard, a Suffolk

in the meantime.

Mr Mann has not contacted Howard Machinery to indicate why Diamond has built 17 this stake. "We don't understand it", Mr C. F. Alsop, Howard's chief executive, said yesterday. "And we don't see any in-dustrial or commercial logic in it, from what we know of

Diamond's interests". Howard is suffering from the agricultural manufacturer, recession hitting its British costly for Diamond, whose chairman is and European markets, though Mr Eric Mr Stahley Mann, has also sales in the southern hemi is actin taken a six month option to buy sphere are better, Mr Alsop London.

Marlborough's remaining 6.9 says. The £6.5m proceeds of the per cent shareholding in sale of a subsidiary, I. Mann, Howard and to use that vote, to German group Class last November, have been used to reduce borrowings and interest costs. The group has estimated its losses to October 31 at £3m after tax.

Diamond Industries has interests in home oil heating, petrol trading and barga terminals. It bought a near 10 per cent stake in the American broking firm Bache Group from the Hunt brothers after their costly foray into silver dealing. Mr Eric Levine, the solicitor, is acting for Diamond in

Smith Bros

Directors of Rosgill threaten to resign

ditch attempt to fight off the f2.6m unwanted bid from Lawncast, the private company that is jointly owned by Mr James Ingles. Rosgill's former chairman and Amber Day Holdings. In a letter to shareholders, Rosgill directors, excluding Mr David Peel, the chairman, who is to be dismissed if the bid succeeds, say they will resign if the offer goes through.

Their objections are that the 27-p a share offer price was below the market price when the bid was made, that it is less than the 30p a share asset value, and is only 3.7 times earnings for the year to December 30, 1980.

The directors also object to Amber Day's proposal to appoint as managing director Mr Mark Dickson, who, they say, has no direct selling experience, and reinstail Mr Ingles as a non-executive director. Mr Ingles founded the company in 1968 but, according to Mr Peel, be has not played an active part in the day-to-day running of the company for

an active part in the day-to-day running of the company for more than 10 years. Last year Mr Peel, who was on the point of leaving Rosgill, replaced Mr logles as chairman

English Association

more on future prospects than group confirmed its ambitions upon past performance.

For the six months to the end banking field when it raised of last December the English £3.32m through a one-for-one rights issue. It was then before the of £528.000

off to strong start

The English Association,

formerly known as the English

Association of American Bond and Shareholders, is a fast-

growing financial group whose

shares rose steadily last year

on the stockmarket. Yesterday it reported interim figures

which should please sharehold-

ers, though the hopes are based ;

more on future prospects than

against £218,000. For the full

of £528,000

By Roman Eisenstein

By Rosemary Unsworth

Rosgill Holdings, the direct on proceeding with the offer my selling group, has made a last co-directors have told Amber Day in writing to anticipate that they would resign should the resi the bid succeded", Mr Peel said. "As you know, I am to be said. "As you know, I am to be dismissed and I understand that a number of other key employees have also indicated that it would be their intention to resign." He also pointed out that some staff had restraint clauses in their contracts, preventing them from immediately starting up similar businesses. But Lawncast has already received acceptances for 58 per cent of the shares and is likely to go unconditional with the offer after an extraordinary meeting of Amber Day share-holders to approve the acquisi-tion of Lawacast on February

Earlier this week Rosgill and its advisers offered 29p a share for ICFC's 26 per cent stake and for the 5.75 per cent hold-ing of Grapefield, a Courtaulds subsidiary holding, via a plac-ing ICFC, which brought Rosgill to the stock market in 1972, refused the offer as it had given irrevocable undertakings to Amber Day and believed that any offer should be available to

increased from 1.74p gross a

period the share capital has been doubled from £423,000 to

The board says in its interim

statement that the group is

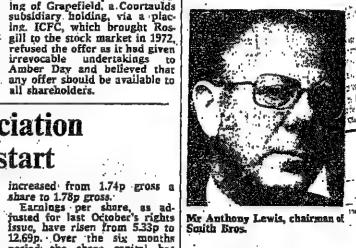
making good progress on all its activities. Lost October the

revealed that the merchant banking activities would be

swings back to profit Stock jobbers Smith Bras yesterday reported a major turnover in first half profits. It made more money between April and October last year than in the whole of the previous 12 months. The firm, one of two publicly.

quoted jobbers on the Loadon ... Exchange, is also restoring the interior dividend paying a pross 1.428p against nothing last time. The dividend is paid from pretax profits of £14m against a loss of £522,000 in the comparable period in 1979, and profits of £1.7m for the second half of last year.

A major contribution to Smith's best first half slace it went public 12 years ago, was its international business. The United Kingdom jobber is known for its business in South African gold shares.



Mr Anthony Lewis, chairman of

Eut it also has substantial Australiza business and deals In eight of the major United Kingdom equity sectors. It is also one of the few jobbrs thought to be making more from the London maded from the Loptions market.

No breakdown of profits is ever given by Smiths, but over the six months period the gold price rose 21 per cent, the Gold Mines Index was up 51.1 per cent, the FT 30-share index in-proved 13.9 per cent, and the all-share index of 750 stocks in-

creased 23.9 per cent. Smith's records a loss of £21,500 as its share of the joint 221,500 as its share of the joint venture with major United Kingdom equities and Govern-ment stock jobbers, Wede Durlacher Mordaunt, to take part in the European Option Exchange in Amsterdam.

Mr Anthony Lewis, chairman said: "The European Options Exchange has been running s a lower level, in the same was as London, but Amsterdam is an interesting situation because they are starting the trade is gold futures in April and was a dealer ready for that have a dealer ready for that Mr Lewis is cautious abou the second half of this year. I

Bank Base

Full-year profits leap at Whittingham

By Catherine Gunn

William Whittingham (Holdings), the Wolverhampton property development and photographic processing group, saw pretax profits jump 29 per cent to £2.85m in the year to October 31. The dividend went . up 12.7 per cent to 9.64p gross in line with earnings.

Profits before interest rose £1.76m, to £4.72m, but a steep rise in interest charges to £1.87m from £747,000 left the pretax figure a more modest £638,000 higher on the previous year's performance.

development division again contrifits with £2.44m, a 45 per cent Whittingham-increase. But the photographic side, Colortrend, showed the best performance with an 85 per cent leap in profits to 51.9m. Juvestment income, a side which the group is anxious to develop, totalled £374,000

the larger share of the property division's profits. The group had a good carry-forward of building work from the previous year and business, though down carrand business, though down, came in steadily during have been signs of an improvement in the market and indus trial lettings have also picked

MONEY SUPPLY

Figures released for the monthly amount of money stock, seasonally adjusted at the mid-month dates.

The photographic side had a good second half, which is when it makes almost all its profits. But the mail order processing market has grown more competitive since the end of

about the group's performance in the current year. The chair-man of the company is Mr John Wardle, Borrowings have been

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Godfrey Davis: RIT has sold its 28 per cent stake in the group and it has been acquired by Hume Investment Trust, which is 60 per cent owned by RIT. The transfer was agreed by RIT shareholders at the last agm to go into effect after the Mospoplies Commission after the Monopolies Commission decision on Godfrey Davis' car rental business merger with Europ-

Francis Industries: At an extra-ordinary general meeting a reso-lution to enable the acquisition of the entire share capital of Evered Whiteley Bay Entertainments: Samuel Montagu and Co Intends to despatch the: formal document for offer by Mr and Mrs Copper within the counte of the next fer

Noelite decorative concrete products, reports results for 1980 showing a net profit of £3.97m £30.83m (£28.25m). I.C.F.C. holds 25 per cent of the share tapital of Celcon.

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Wood and Sons '(Hidgs): Newman Industries has sold 50,000 shares reducing interest to \$71,000 shares (21.77 per cent).

Bristol Waterworks: Offer for sale by tender of 54m 8 per cent redeemable preference stock, 1986. Average price obtained was \$101.30. Dealings will commence on Friday, February 20.

Agricultural Mortrage Corporation: Announces issue of £2m 12; per cent bonds February 26, 1982 at £100 per cent. Interest (less Income Tax) will be payable by warrants: August 20, 1981 55.4375 per cent; Webruary 26, 1982 \$6.6491 per cent.

Ceicon Ltd., the privately-owned manufacturer of Ceicon aerated concrete blocks, Ryarsh bricks and Noelite decorative concrete products.

vesterday in Chicago that it had brought together a group of international banks to negotiate term credits with its existing banks and to arrange additional financing for its credit subsidiary. The term credits will replace

existing credit facilities, including current bank borrowings of Harvester and the credit sub-sidiary of about \$710m (£313m) ,720m, respectively.

Lord Aberconway, chairman of English China Clays, at yesterday's annual meeting in London.

year to the end of last June conducted through a subsidiary profits before tax were £529,500. called the English Association J Saville Gordon plans £1.9m deal

J. Saville Gordon, the Birmingham metal processing and merchanting group, said yesterday it had reached agreement in principle to acquire the whole of the issued share capi-

tal of Jacey Investments for 51.9m. 1.19m.
The consideration would be £118,000 cash and £1.8m of guaranteed unsecured loan stock. Jacey and its subsidiaries own a portfolio of investment

properties.

The Saville board said it was in the best interests of the shareholders to broaden the group's base. The acquisition, it said, was at a very satisfac-tory price and would provide a portfolio of widely spread income producing properties with good prospects of capital appre-

Dobson Park sees

lower profit The current forecast from Mr J. Francis, chairman of Dobson Park, Industries, is for a less satisfactory result for the cur-rent year, than last year. He explained to the annual meet-ing that difficulties experienced in the latter months of 1979-80 have continued into the current

world economy during next ably steady though he was not twelve months the group must without optimism that there are maintain its market shares for signs of a minor recovery.

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Milford Docks on progress of Bill

Mr C. A. Smith, chairman of Milford Docks, says in a circular to sharcholders that the Bill, referred to in the year to Septem annual report which was adopted at the annual meeting in ted at the annual meeting in July, was presented to Parlia-ment last November and if the proposed Bill is adopted and becomes law in its present form it will give the powers the company requires to recon-struct works and to seek further powers for diversifying the port and other services.

There will be an extraordinary general meeting on
March 18 at which a copy of the
Bill will be submitted for

approval Greenall Whitley not to raise prices

The annual meeting of Green-The position has been made all Whitley and Co heard Mr worse by significant cut-backs Christopher Hutton chairman by the National Coal Board say that any Budget tax inwhilst the continuing strength creases on beer, wines and of sterling is further reducing spirits would be "self defeatmargins on exports in all proing." The company has no preducts groups. With the expecsent intention of raising prices. ducts groups. With the expec-tation of an upturn in the Sales to date have been reason-

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His current forecast for the because of the possible impact year 1980-81 now suggests a less satisfactory result than last year.

It want be toolmarly to make any firm predictions, he said because of the possible impact of the Budget on March 10, the effect of the weather on summer trading, and how long the recession will last.

Leaderflush dips

Leaderflush (Holdings) re ports a turnover on the half year to September 30 at £951,000 against £917,000. Profits were £45,000 against £50,000 after interest.

The board says that although the company continued to trade profitably during the period, trading is currently being affected by pressure on margins resulting from efforts to maintain the order book. The directors feel that in view of the high level of borrowings, it is in the group's best in-terest to defer consideration of a dividend until the end of the

Goode Durrant ahead for year

Goode Durrant and Murray Group is holding its dividend at 1.07p gross for the year to October 31. Turnover rose from E41.1m to E46.04m and pretax profits from £1.5m to £1.79m. The profit per share was 4.8p against 3.79p

Business appointments Mr Dukes joins

Channel Four

Mr Justin Dukes, Joint managing director of The Financial Times, will become managing director and deputy chief executive of the Channel Four Television company on May 1. As managing director, he will be a member of the board of the company. He will join the board of Channel Four in a non-executive capacity on March 1.

Mr John Bayliss has been maned by Abbey National Building Society as general manager of housing with special additional responsibility for the creation of a central customer services division. Mr Richard Baglin is made general manager of field operations and development embracing regional and brazch organizations and European operations. Mr Robert Rendel is now general manager of personnel, training and pensions.

Mr J. Donaldson has joined the hoard of Park Piace Investments, Mr Dovid Macdonald is now on the loard of Sears Holdings in a non-executive capacity.

Mr G. F. Cole has become a director of Reed Stenhouse UK in its Midlands region.

Mr Bill Morter is the new sales

director of Recd-Stenhouse UK
in his Midlands region.

Mr Bill Morter is the new sales
and marketing director of
Harrison & Sons (London).

Mr Graham White has been
made a director of Greenwoods
Transport.

Mr M. Crossley is the new
assistant managing director of The
Scotsman Publications. Mr A. L.
Davidson becomes assistant managing director of Western Mail &
Echo and Mr R. B. Johnston is
now assistant managing director now assistant managing director of the Chester Chronicle. All publications are members of Thomson Regional Newspapers.

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MacMillan Bloedel

MacMillan Bloedel, the Canadian paper and wood products group, reported ner profits for 1980 sharply lower at C\$113.2m (£41.5m), against C\$154.9m in 1979. Revenues rose from C\$2,200m to C\$2,460m.

For the fourth quarter, net profits slumped to C\$5.7m from C536.6m the year before on revenues of C\$580.6m, against

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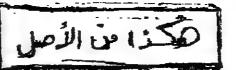
dustrial equipment manufac-turer, reported preliminary 1980 group profits, before special adjustments and taxes, of Kr489m (546.6m), up from Kr401m in 1979. Net sales rose to Kr6,500m from Kr5.490m.

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Australia urges boost in vorld wheat production

nal 60m metric tons of wheat Il have to be produced annuly to satisfy world demand, e. Asian Wall Street Journal

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Sydney, Feb 19.—Sir Leslie saying that the prices being ice, the chairman of the offered do not realistically istralian Wheat Board, has reflect world conditions.

The studied the Chicago Board's operations while in that city, and he follows the Chicago wheat futures prices daily in Australia. When he was in Chicago, he said: "I told the director of the Board of Trade that if this was the method of estima world." was the method of setting world grain prices then the system was going through a great credibility crisis. None of the influences on the futures market has one

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market What had looked earlier to be a day of small surplus eventually proved to be one of small shortage in the discount marker yesterday. The Bank of England relieved this situation by purchasing a small quantity of eligible bank bills direct from the discount houses. Money sended to be tight throughout. Dealers said that £375m of returning money on the oversubscribed British Aerospace issue was a distorting factor.

Foreign exchange report

The measures instigated by the National Bank to add half-a-point Bundesbank and the Swiss National Bank yesterday to stabilize the D-mark and the Swiss franc prompted a sharp dealine in the dollar, which closed at its lowest level of the day. Mr Reagan's economic "package falled to stimulate the United States currency and Eurodollar deposit rates took a sharp timble from the outset. Although a package was widely expected from the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank, which suspended the Bundesbank which susp

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Wall Street

New York. Feb 19.—The New York stock market ha da let-down today despite a generally-positive reception for President Reagan's economic proposals.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 18.74 points to 933.35 siter a steep afternoon slide. Declines totalled 1.115 compared with 413 advances. Some 375 issues remained unchanged. The NYSE composite index fell 1.06 to 72.53, and the average price per starce was down 50 cents. Volume was 41 50 000 shares signitive shead of Wednesday's 40 410 900 shares.

Analysts had no specific reasons for the decline suggesting that it probably reflected the prospect of some opposition to the President's programme.

The oil, defence and high technology groups again took the brunt of the selling. Those groups, particularly the oils, became overweighted in investment portfolios because of their huge price gains over the past two years and are usually the first to be sold when investors want to taise cash. Standard oil of California dropped 31 to 91; Exron 11 to 71. Texaco 1 to 39; Freeport Minerals 11 to 59, Standard Oil (Indianz) 22 to 53, and Mesa Petroleum 11 to 52; Volume leader El Paso Company fell 2; to 19c; It faces a \$375m write-off since talks between the United States and Algeria on natural gas prices failed.

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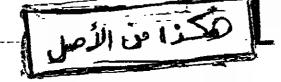
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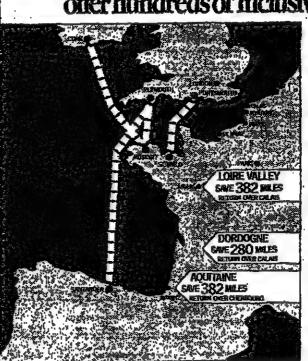
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visitor to the Black Sea resorts in Romania can expect. The Romanians are very keen on healthiness and the hospitals and clinics on the coast claim to be able to cure everything from high blood pressure to halitosis by methods which in Britain we politely call quackery.

There is great emphasis ing. Electric currents are applied at low voltage. Exercise is important and whole swimming pools can be filled swith necessary. on water, soaking and floatwith people playing an energetic Simon Says. Whether it all works or not, it is impossible to say Like a stall at the end of the pier, a single mud bath is for any sement only. The more work. amusement only. The treat-ment works for those who

Fringe medicine is less of there are resorts which look and dank passage. And for a draw to visitors to Romania as artificial as Switzerland, those with good imaginations, than the son and sea. There The wooden building is similare modern resorts, rather lar, if slightly more heavy, knowing wink. austere and purposeful, like and there are lodges for long a well ordered council estate, distance skiing in winter or from £139 a week at the sea, which are designed for hiking in the summer. It is from £203 for a two-week family holidays. A Romanian like the Ruritanian republic sea and mountain holiday resort offers a safe beach, of The Prisoner of Zenda, (full board).

Nicholas Wapshott

Romania is more interesting. Hence there has developed In the capital, Bucharest, Scratch the skin.

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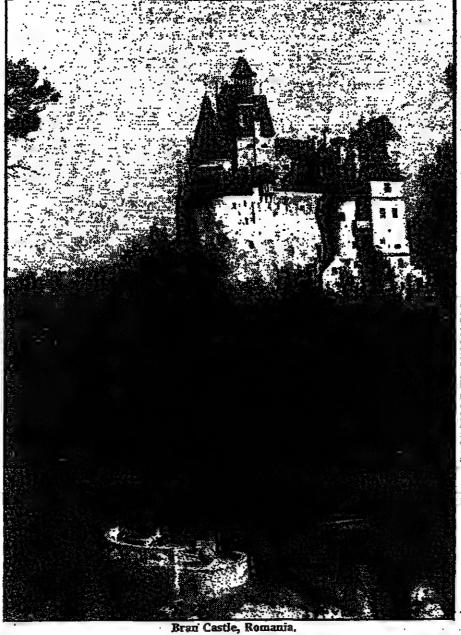
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So bracing, to discover the joys of the Scilly Isles

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After a day or two on the cortee and an early bectime. Some very good, modern self. It islands the reason for this that, plus its unique set catering accommodation and take ting, is no doubt why the though this tends to get absent crowds becomes Dungeon Bar of the Star snapped up early by visitors clear. Only five of the Isles Castle Hotel, on St Mary's, of Scilly are inhabited, and is such a popular evening camp on the islands, which they have only eight hotels rendezvous. The hotel really at about £1 per night on an is a converted castle, and is organized site can be ideal.

So the handful of shops in the main street of Hugh Town, capital of the largest St Mary's, are never ousy And there is also plenty of room on the excursion boats which leave the harbour every day for the glorious—and almost empty—beaches of the "off

It all helps to make the Isles of Scilly a magical place; a place in which you can almost feel yourself shedding the cares of the workaday world. A writer called Robert Heath summed

have not raised themselves alternative form of evening botanists and bird-watcher to wonder what lies just entertainment. A tourism alike they are idealing a official scratched her head

Actually, it was quite shrikes and skuas.

No. These sandy beaches good—although I have won- And if you do No. These sandy beaches good—although I have wonand sparkling seas fringe dered since just how much the first thing about plants,
our own Isles of Scilly—100 of my enjoyment was due to
and birds, the islands are sail!
islands and isless scattered the fact that I had no choice a wonderful spot to explore
just off the coast of Land's anyway. Some of the pubs and to relax. They are also
End Aud the odd thing also go in for musical surprisingly cheap. Staying:
about the Isles of Scilly is entertainment of the raucous at the Star Castle Hotel, full that, although they earn variety—but for the most board, costs about £15 at their living largely from part the night life in the Besides the hotels, there at tourism, they remain isles of Scilly consists of a plenty of low cost boardin strangely untouched by it, second cup of after-dinner houses, and there is all "After a day or two on the coffee and an early bedtime. some very good, modern self-

were not expecting an a on St Mary's, la-carte menu. Bar lunches in the pub.

are two very handy centrally-situated beaches. Town Beach and Porthcressa Beach, which are the most popular in the Scillies.

summer sun. Seas which are when the rest of Britain is choice; it is the only hotel as clean as one could wish, blanketed by cloud. Perhaps on the island), and once thanks to the influence of that is just as well, for there again there are boat excurthe surging Atlantic. A soli- is nothing else to do on the sions to the other islands.

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alike they are idyllic-8 So where are you? On and thought for a few ling, a number of wild an undiscovered Caribbean moments, then volunteered: flowers unknown on the island, or in the Bahamas, "Well, there is a slide show mainland, and such winged: home of a unique variety o island, or in the Bahamas, "Well, there is a slide show mainland, and such winged perhaps? Aquiraine? Or the in the church hall tonight, rarities as the avocet the south-west coast of Portu. That is usually very good," golden oriole, snow buntings, And if you do not know,

plenty of low cost boarding houses, and there is also

privately owned. You can if the weather is good, There-dine there too; the meals are sites on Bryber. St Agnes, are superb, as long as you and St Martin's, as well as

colours to dazzle the eyes of the spectator; truth appear adorned with metricious er its own nackedness."

They do not write trave And they do not make resorts like the Isles of Scilly, either.

How to get there: Brymar East let A Airways fly between School Calys to connexions to and from Loo don (Heathrow, Birmingham Landon Heathrow, Birmingham Landon to St. Manriew AND Heathrow Lan from London to St Mary WA. SEYCI £46.50). A regular British KONG, TE Airways belicopter service links St. Mary's with British A. FLORI Rail at Penrance (£1650 france). And the ferry hoat Scillonian III, whose stallow incisea, runs a daily service b tween Penzance and St with day-trippers. The tourks

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Worth a dawn awakening to see Luxor at its best

At a time when airlines are cutting back on many routes, Alitalia is beginning direct highest from London to Palermo and Catania in unisance.

Sicily Behind the decision to start the new route is the 48 per cent increase in 1980 in British tourists going to Sicily. Most of the 100,000 holidays taken are in the medium to high-priced bracket and the season has extended into the spring and autumn as well as the high summer months, because of the exceptionally mild climate.

The president of Sicily's a British archaeological street of the launch. Visitors have then discouraged in the past by reports of malia activations. The new service, which rates at many four to find the season has covered a Phoenicean ship that those going to Cairo and those who had chosen, as I had, to 20 to Luxor and the sards to for people there. Cairo seen after a long but surveillance to find the season to curb this muisance.

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Sicily has many tourist the view the Sphinx and the Pyramids, which I was attractions. So far it remains relatively unspoilt with many miles of unit he sands of the deded in the earth on rather fragile ladders embrance to whethe Sphinx and the permains of the bally to which priced by the many to unit to see the ladde, to 20 to the tot will be a steep slope, past miracles of colour and invention, the priced by the desert the provided the promise of the ladders embrance to the table to the sale of the sale of the survey and the pr

tional Lurex thread. "Made in Britain" it said, proudly. Apart from James McClure's fictional Zulu detective. Mickey Zondi, I can't think of anyone who would wear it.

We entrusted ourselves nervously to a rather ram-shackle Egyptian bailey bridge to the ship, which had been assembled with many a Laurel and Hardyesque scene, and were off. One of the pleasures of a

120ft long stage. Enormous tion in Thassos. Our party Not I. The next morning was stress remain to be excavated. Rhodes was strike-bound on a Sunday, but Cyprus was marm and sunny and welcoming and we looked at the Tombs of the Kings (which thens, changing airports are not tombs and contain no kings) and some wonderful mosaics. The goats appear to be the result of a car to Kavala, ferry to the mythical encounter between island of Thassos, and then agott and a red setter—goat shaped, setter coloured, lop trained. The rain broke off spare pair of trousers to hide shaped, setter coloured, lop trained. The rain broke off spare pair of trousers to hide spouled (in the local populate with the local populate with the local populate with the local populate with the local populate with the local populate number of small restaurants, alter our. Philippa Took sums Hellenic Cruises from Gatwick, prices of found the island of (which belied the Swan description of an Acropolis "A high mound entirely covered by tourists") looked to the result of a car to Kavala, ferry to the with highrise hotels). We (xill in use) and wandered round the town and harbour, a goat and a red setter—goat a short trip to Lemenas. And shaped, setter coloured, lop trained. The rain broke off spare pair of trousers to hide the Swan description of an Acropolis from £625 to £1,235 in £625 to £1,235 i



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Luxor temple on the Nile.

cruise is the variety of the in Venice, with a two-hour people. I slept all afternoon. where the holidaymakers had a jolly Greek meal, points of call. We visited strike at the airport. But Unfortunately the barbecue (average age 22) were ob- a band, and a plentiful the southern Turkish cities, we all had had a good time, on the uninhabited island of viously enjoying it, swimply of throwing plates. Perge and Aspendos, visited

Later in the year I spent Thassopoula had been rained ming, sailing, eating and local wine is powerful the property of the prope points of call. We visited at the airport. But the southern Turkish cities, we all had had a good time, on the uninhabited island of viously enjoying it, swimply of throwing plates. The perge and Aspendos, visited rather earlier by St Paul.

Aspendos has a buge, almost the weekend in Greece, as off, and dinner was a 300 Young World Holidays tomplete Greek theatre the guest of Young World Holidays. We went to see (seats 7,500) and you can hear every word from the Greek Village, their operation of monsoon like hear every word from the Greek Village, their operation of monsoon like fervour. On to the discoping it, swim rooms, and a premise plates, which is powerful chatting each other up.

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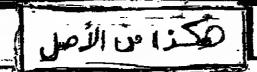
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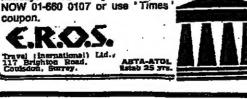
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### Motoring

#### **More slimming** likely after Linwood axing

Peugeot-Citroën's decision to close the Linwood factory in Scotland, and the merging of the Talbot and Peugeot dealer networks, may be followed by fur-ther rationalizations as the biggest car company in Europe tries to come to terms with a shrinking market.

.When Peugeot-Citroen took over the former Chrysler opera-tion (now Talbot) in 1978, it created a car-producing capacity of more than two million vehicles a year. With the demand for cars, both here and on the Continent, cut by the recession, much of that capacity is spare and Lin-wood was an obvious casualty.

Further slimming can be expected, not least on the model front. To run two car ranges, Peugeot and Citroen, side by side, was not illogical since each had a distinctive personality and uppeal. To run three is a feat of juggling that even the able Peugeot-Citroën management may find impossible.

So, whither Talbot? The closure of Linwood at least simplifies the line-up by removing the Avenger and Sunbeam. That leaves the Alpine; its booted version, the Solara; and the Horizon. They are all arguably in competition with Peugeot and Citroen models like the 305, 104 and

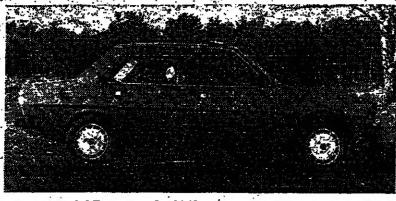
The point is made even more strongly with the arrival of a new Talbot model, the Tagora (which, like Solara, is an invented name). This is the new large car. that Chrysler had been developing as the successor to its lacklustre Two Litre. At the time of. the takeover, Citroën already had the CX in that part of the market and Peugeot was soon to launch

There was a case, had the project not been so far advanced, for cancelling the big Chrysler. Peugeot-Citroën decided it should go ahead, but with sub-stantial changes. The car was unveiled at the Paris Motor. Show in October and goes on sale in France at the end of the month; it should reach Britain in righthand drive form during May.

The Tagora is a conventional three-box saloon, styled by Chrysler/Talbot at Whitley, near Coventry, and bearing a strong resemblance to the Solara. It has the same "six-light" treatment for the side windows and a similar squared off bonnet and tail.

What Peugeot has done is to introduce much of its own hardware-engines, steering transmission and suspension-and to take the car up market. It could, therefore, compete less with the 505 than the 604, Peugeot's top car; indeed, it is being seen as the 604's eventual successor.

The Tagora has a rear-wheel drive layout and will offer a



More powerful Peugeot-the 305S.

choice of three engines. The 2.2 litre overhead camshaft unit is derived from the Chrysler two litre, but the others are from Peugeot the 2.6 litre V6 and the 2.3 litre turbocharged diesel which are both currently used in til 1982. the 604

The 2.2 litre model comes with four or five speed gearbox and the five speed box will be standard on the V6 and the turbodiesel. The claimed 0 to 60 mph acceleration times range from nine seconds on the V6 to 17 seconds on the diesel, but I suspect that the car will be sold more on comfort and refinement, the traditional Peugeot qualities, than speed.

One of the things Peugeot does best (see this week's road test) is ride and it is no surprise to find the Tagora fitted with similar suspension to that of the 604, an all-independent system based on McPherson struts at the front and trailing arms at the back. Brakes are disc/drum on the less powerful versions and all-disc on

The 2.2 is already in produc-tion and it will be the first Tagora model available in Britain. The V6 may get here just before the end of the year, with the turbodiesel not expected un-

The Tagora is being launched at a time of general depression in the car market and during what seems to be a discernible trend away from large cars, Which only reinforces the feeling that in Peugeot's scheme of things there might not ultimately be room for both it and the Peugeor 604.

#### Road test: Peugeot 305S

This new top-of-the-range yersion of Peugeor's medium saloon a not dissimilar exercise from the Ford Escort XR3 I reviewed last week. Essentially, it is a matter of increasing engine power through a twin choke carburettor and larger valves and upgrading the standard equipment. Being a Peugeot, the process is more discreet and does not extend to spoilers and fancy coachwork.

The 305S is aimed at motorists who appreciate the Peugeot virtues of comfort and quality but want brisker performance. Peugeot has given its 1472 cc engine 20 per cent more power (89 bhp) and 8 per cent more torque, as well as fitting electronic ignition and an automatic choke as aids to easy, reliable

That is exactly the recipe used by Ford on the XR3, although the results are less spectacular. The 0 to 60 mph acceleration time on the 305 has come down from 13 seconds to 12, and the top speed has gone up from 95 mph to 101 mph. The figures tell the story, for while performance, including the important element of top-gear flexibility, is ample for most needs, the car does not

feel particularly quick.
The engine is mainly smooth and quiet, apart from developing an unfortunate boom at about 3,500 rpm, which corresponds with 60 mph in top gear. It is possible to drive through the boom, but only by breaking the speed limit. I remember the same failing in other Peugeot models. The extra power has not been obtained at the expense of fuel consumption and I obtained an excellent 30 to 36 mpg.

Handling is very much in the French style, which means that drivers who enjoy a crisp, taut feel will have to go elsewhere. Softly sprung, the car rolls per-ceptibly on corners, though the low-profile tyres specially fitted to the S version hold the road impressively. The steering is light, if a little low geared, the brakes effective and the gearbox nails the lie that smooth changes

are incompatible with front

The glory of the Peugeot marque is its quality of ride and the 305 is a reminder of what can be achieved in that area with basically conventional suspension, even if it is independent all-round. Going back to the Escort, Ford could learn a trick or two about how to absorb bumps and contain wallow. There was more road noise than I have experienced on other 305s, probably-a consequence of the fatter

The seats are softly comfortable, though a recent back strain has made me wonder whether the German idea of thinly padded boards may not be better. The interior is pleasantly trimmed, with a tough looking tweed cloth, and gives the feeling of being a notch above the average family

Just under 14 ft long, the car offers plenty of head and leg-room in the back—partly a consequence of turning the engine sideways and driving the front wheels-with a good boot. It is also a sensible size for parking. Despite the conventional threebox shape and good window area the back corners are not visible from the driving seat, though the bumpers are big enough to cope with minor knocks,

The 305S costs £5,495, or £656 more than the ordinary 305. Apart from the more powerful engine, the main justification of the higher price is the better level of standard equipment which includes central door locking, electrically operated front windows, sliding steel sunroof, laminated windscreen and

Incidentally, Peugeot is now so sure of its on-line, anticorrosion process that it is prepared to offer a six-year guarantee. That covers the whole car and is subject only to inspections at two and four years, which should cost the owner a couple of hours labour charges. The guarantee applies to all new Peugeots registered on or after December 1 last year.

#### Working together

The technical collaboration be tween Saab in Sweden and Lancia in Italy has so far been mostly in Lancia's favour, for the only model to have benefited from the link has been the Lancia Delta. Saab contributed its expertise to the heating and ventilation system and to rust prevention.

However, the two companies are now involved in the joint development of new models which, while retaining separate identities, will be very much sisters under the skin. The cars could, for instance, share the same floor pan, as well as inportant mechanical components.

The new Saab will eventually replace the 99/900 range and is likely to be of similar size, but lighter and more economical. is some way off and may not appear until the second half of the decade. Saab has no intention of producing a smaller carthan it presently offers, either with Lancia or by itself. The Lancia now under development with Saab will probably supersede the Beta.

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Radio 4

6.60 am News. 6.10 Farming.



hilip Sayer and Mary Maddox who appear in Janey cger's comedy Bobby Wants to Meet Me (BBC 2, 9.30)

A chat show is a chat show is a chat show; nothing can sguise that fact. But there is at least a semblance of novelty pen a general theme is imposed on the talking heads as happens Friday Night . . . Saturday Morning (BBC 2, 11.30). The theme Saudi Arabia, and I must say the BBC has gone to some pains provide tonight's MC, Robert Lacey, with a wide range of presentative heads, from the Saudi prince who worked at a idlands factory and a Saudi woman sans veil to the mi-legendary Glubb Pasha, And Barbara Cartland. A rprising choice? Only if you had forgotten about Valentino the Arab lover whose white steed once carried an apprehensive iglish rose across the Arabian desert towards a fate not erse than death but more thrillingly romantic.

Janet Preger's play Bobby Wants to Meet Me (BBC 2, 9.30) Janet Preger's play Bobby Wants to Meet Me (BBC 2, 9.30), about here worship: pop music journalist thinks he is going luterview his idel Boy Dylan and works himself up into a mzy. The comedy writing is superficial, the characterization in. It is redeemed by its final line, but as I cannot tell you at it is, this brief critique of the play is perforce harsher in it should be... The Walls of Jericho (BBC 1, 8.00), which eported as crambling away in the early episodes have now en reinforced by improved writing and clearer continuity. e additional cement in the shape of Tom Watson, as inburgh's MCH, has also beiped to give this tale of Scotland's st woman doctor much-needed stability. . . . I'm afraid Second ance (ITV, 9.00), a serial about a broken marriage, is beyond sair thanks to its True Love Story writing. But is is bravely ed, particularly by Kate Dorning as the daughter. She performs uders with limited resources.

Tonight's Radio 3 production of Gluck's opera Iphigenia in ris (7.00) is the Kent Opera one, sung in English, with idwen Harrhy in the title role ... Nick Darke's play admarks (Radio 4, 3.02), set in rural Cheshire in the 1930s, i joint winner of last year's George Devine Award. It's a ry of a rural revolution (tractor replaces horse) and local istance to it. . . Michael Charlton continues his series about tish diplomacy The Price of Victory (Radio 3, 9.10) with part of last Monday's Bevin at Victoria documentary. A reminder: period covered by these important programmes is from the years of the Second World War to de Gaulle's " Non' tain's bid for EEC membership. Much archive material, and by newly-recorded interviews.

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### **Broadcasting Guide**

Edited by Peter Davalle.

#### TELEVISION

BBC 1 7.85 am Open University: Beginning evaluation; 7.30 Time, money and technology. Closedown at 7.55.

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9.0% For Schools, Colleges: Treefpunkt: Deutchland; 9.25 Athlete:
triple jump; 9.25 Mr Day Helps
with a Story; 10.15 Maths-in-aBox; 10.35 Going to Work; no
job yet? 11.02 Hyn o Fyd.
II.25 You and Me: English verstore 11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Math File (8); 12.05 pm Sixteeu Up; the human factor. Closedown at 12.30

ar 12.30.

12.45 Pebble Mill at One: Interview with Roy Plomley about his successful, long-running, interview-and-music radio programme Desert Island Discs. Also Peter Seabrook's gardening feature.

1.45 How Do You Do?

2.62 For Schools, Colleges: Con-

sumer right, Also an item on disco competition costumes. Presented by Libby Purvis of the Radio 4 Today programme; 2.35 A Good Job with Prospects. Closedown at Job with Prospects. Comments of S.00.
3.30 Cywain: for Welsh viewers. A siew of Wales, 3.55 bird's-eye view of Wales, 3.55
Play School: John Dale's story
The First Pennyfarthing, 4.20
Dinky Dog: cartoon, Phi Beta
Dinky, 4.30 Jackanory: Julie Dawn
Cole completes her readings from
Dorothy Haas's The Bears Up-

6.40 am Open University. Models in chemistry; 7.05 Date processing in action; 7.38 Symbols and equa-tions. Closedown at 7.5S.

11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1 3.55 (The First Pennyfarthing). Closedown at 11.25.

4.50 pm Open University: Introduction to education, 5.15 Accident investigation.
5.40 Charlie Chaplin: Triple Trouble (1918<sup>2</sup>). Charlie plays the janitor in an investor's house.

Germans are trying to get their hands on one of his formulae.

6.05 Monkey: Tales of Old China, re-told by Japanese TV and dubbed into English.

6.50 Speak for Yourself : Some advice for anyone who is planning to ask his employer for time-off. Intended for all whose first han guage is not English. 7.15 News.

9.30 For Schools: A museum called New Zealand; 9.58 The young people of Ludlow; 10.15 French: sketches and songs about love; 10.38 Evolution: A-level; 11.02 Stop, Look, Listen; 11.14 Lenny the Lion; 11.26 Maths; 11.43 For the deaf.
12.00 The Magic Ball. A visit to the weatherman. 12.10 Once Upon a: Time. Mark Wynter tells the story of Two Farmers. 12.30 A Better Read. Bill Grundy's books programme. The theme: sea

programme. The theme: sea stories.
1.00 News. 1.20 Thames area news.
1.30 Together. Block of flats serial.
The mystery of what happened to

Duggie. 2.00 After Noon Plus. The predica-

ment dealt with today is that of feeling worthless.

the Left (1973). Made-for-TV romantic yarn about a no-longer-

THAMES

MAX WALL

BBC 2

divorce. With Mark Kingston and Amanda Barrie (r). 10.50 Royal Heritage: Victoria and Albert, The seventh in Huw Wel-don's series of films about Britain's royal builders and col-lectors. Tonight: the treasures of Osborne House, Buckingham Palace and the royal mausoleum at Frogmore. stairs. Kate Cannig drew the pic-4.45 Finders Keepers : Richard and Norther Ended School. Since Comprehensive school. Time of reckoning for Cathy and her group of truncts. 5.35 The Perishers: with Leonard Rossiter (r).: 5.40 News: with John Edmunds. relate and the royal mansoleum at Frogmore.

11.50 Ballroom Champions: The finals of the United Kingdom Ballroom Championships, from the Hammersmith Palais, London. At stake are the Professional Latin

5.55 Regional news magazines. All regions combine for Nationwide at 6.20. With Alan Titchmarsh's gardening item and Desmond Lynam's Sportswide. RCGIOIIS

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Royal Haritage, 12.05-1.33 Flam; An
Eye for an 5ye, 1.33 Wather, Seciland: 11.00 am-11.20 For Schools,
12.40-12.45 pm Scottish News, 5.301.55 Closedown, 5.55-6.20 Reporting
Scotland, 10.15-10.45 New Himself

dening Item and Desmond Lynam's Sportswide.

7.00 The Circus World Championships: The finals of the 1980 championships feature artistes from six countries. There are four difefrent categories, Staged in the Robert Brothers' Big Top.

8.00 The Walls of Jericho: Episode 5 of this serial about Scotland's first woman doctor, Sophia Jer. Elake (Sara Kestelman). Tonight, she pioneers some starding developments in trying circumstances. With Tom Watson (see Personal holce). 8.50 Points of View: Barry Took takes up some points from viewers' letters.

9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

9.25 Starsky and Huich: Starsky hides a girl from his fellow police officers (r).

10.15 Time of My Life: Part one of a six-part comedy series. Not only does a man lose his job, but his wife tells him she wants a

viewer.

8.00 Gardeners' World: First in a new series, A visit to the Channel Islands where the Jersey Horticulture and Agriculture Training Centre demonstrates several methods of growing tomatoes. With Geoffrey Smith.

8.25 What Price Defence? As the new Defence Secretary, John Nort, drafts his defence white paper. Newsweek investigates the cost of Britain's defence policies.

Britain's defence policies. Generals, politicians and military

analysis are interviewed.

9.00 Call My Bluff: Word guessing game, with Arthur Marshall,
Naneste Newman and Paul Eddington versus Frank Muir, Sue Cook
and Bryan Forbes.

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young chorus girl (Kim Novak). With Tony Curtis. 4.15 Watch It I Another Dr

4.15 Watch It I Another Dr Snuggles story, and, at 4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty. 4.45 The Extraordinary People Show: Three youngsters put questions to Kevin Keegan, The presenter is Graham Thornton. 5.15 Clapperboard, Film clips and behind-the-camera features. Includes a preview of Popeye. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames area news. 6.30 Thames Sport: the prospects for the weekend.

London Weekend

7.00 Family Fortunes. Prize quiz, compared by Bob Monkhouse. 7.30 Vegas. The hunt for the killer of a tramp's down-and-out com-

panion.

3.30 The Gaffer Last in the engineering works; with Bill May-

With sub-titles for the hard of 9.30 Playhouse: Bobby Wants to hearing.

7.25 Oxford Road Show: Rob Preger, about a Bob Dylan fan Robrer and Jackie Spreckley in- (Fhilip Sayer) who is getting troduce this magazine programme which is aimed at the younger somal Choice.)

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Modern titles. Ends at 12,35 an

10.45 Newsnight. All th main news

stories.

11:30 Friday Night . . . Saturday Moraing: Tonight's MC is Robert Lacey. It's about Arabia. His guests include a Saudi prince who spent a year working at a Midlands factory; an unveiled Saudi woman; and Sir John Glubb, "Ghrb Pasha", architect of the Desert Legion. Also interviewed is Barbara Cardand. (See Personal Choice.) Ends at 12:25 am approximately. Choice.) End approximately.

9.00 Second Chance. Serial about a divorced couple (Susannah York, Ralph Bates), their children, and the difficulty of having to carve out a new life (See Personal Choice).

10.00 News from ITN.

10.30 Benson. Comedy serial about a governor's black butler (Robert Guillaume). Tonight: chaos when the governor's invalid father pays a visit. 9.00 Second Chance. Serial about

where the left is a continuous of the agenda: the selection of a new parliamentary candidate, and the selection of candidates for next year's elections to Southwark 135 Mannix. A wealthy woman's Conners) is hired to find him. 12.39 Close.

10.25 Treasures of the Hermitage An extensive view of the many Removands on view at the famous museum in Leningrad.

a visit.

11.00 The Loudon Programme:
The Battle for Bermondsey. A report on the internal feuding of the Bermondsey Labour Party where the left is in control. Two

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Radio 3

6.10 Farming.
6.30 Today.
7.40, 8.00 Today's News.
7.30, 8.30 News Headdines.
7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Islands.
9.45 Feedback.
10.60 News.
10.02 International Assignment.
10.30 Daily Service. 10.30 -Daily Service.

10.45 Story. 11.09 News. 11.05 Buying a Dream : their first ionie. 11.50 Natural Selection. .00 News. 2.02 pm You and Yours. 2.27 My Music. .00 News. .40 The Archers.

1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play, Landmarks, by Nick Darke (see Personal Choice).
4.15 Poetry up to Now (7).
4.45 Story, The Towers of Trebizond (final part).

20nd (mal part).
5.00 PM.
6.00 News.
6.30 Going Places.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week.†
8.10 Profile: On Valentine's Day—
Barbara Carriand. Barbara Cartland. 8.30 Any Ouestions? 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Kaleidoscope.

11.00 A Book at Bedtime: The Harpole Report (final part). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament, 11.45 Miles Kington. 12.00 News. 12.15-12.23 am Weather.

9.05 am Schools . Contact . Music Interlude : Country Dancing Stage II (5); Notice Board (2) : Music Workshop.
10.30-10.45 Listen with Mother.
11.00-12.00 Schools: Exploring Society; Listening and Writing (5); Prospect.

2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Let's Join In; Religious Education; Music Interlude. 11.00-12.00 STUDY ON 4: Kontakte (17); Allez France! (16).

6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Liszt, Haydn,
Chopin, Faure (8.00-8.05 News),
Chabrier, J. C. Bach, Mozart, Thert.
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's composers : Dunstable

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9.35 Vera Beths (violin): Weber, Berio, Schubert.†
10.29 Sharpam Song-Cycle, by Hugh Ockendon, and Elgar's String Quartet Op 83.†
11.20 Piano: Mediner.†
12.00 Concert, part 1: Sibelius Myaskovsky.† Myaskovsky †
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Concert, part 2 : Balakirev †
1.45 Cantatas : Clerambauk.

Rameau., T 2.25 Piano Suites: Phyilis Tate, Arensky.† 3.85 Chamber music: Haydn and Boccherini.†
4.00 Jan Kapr: Symphony No 8 (Campanae pragenses)."
4.55 News.
5.00 Mambly for Pleasure.†
6.55 Play it Again.†
7.00 Opera, Iphigenia in Tauris, by Gluck. Acts 1 and 2.† (See Personal Choice.)
6.05 One Pair of Ears.
8.20 Iphigenia in Tauris, Acts 3 and 4.†
9.10 The Price of Victory. (See Personal Choice.)

Personal Choice.)
10.00 Beethoven and Chopin, a recital by John Billingham.;
11.00 News. 11.05-11.15 Record : Glovanni Legrenzi.†
VHF. 5.55 am-6.55 Open University: Handicapped in the Community; Religion as a Universal Phenomenon; Introduction to

Imaging. Imaging.
11.15 pm-12.55 am Open University: The Pre-school Child—You
Tell Us; Consumer Decisions— Consumer Groups; Health Choices

Keeping a Balance; The Digital
Computer; Great Britain 1750-

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5.00 am Bob Kilbey.† 7.30 Terry
Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.†
12.00 David Hamilton.† 2.00 pm
Ed Stewart.† 4.00 Much More
Music.† 6.00 John Dun.† 5.00
Sequence Time.† 8.45 Music
Night.† 10.00 Castle's on the Air.†
10.30 The Organist. 11.00 Brian
Matthew.† 2.00 am-5.00 You and
the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

S.00 am As Radio 2, 7.00 Mike Read, 9.60 Simon Bates, 11.00 Andy Pechles, 12.30 pm Newsbeat, 12.45 Paul Burnett, 2.30 Dave Lee, Travis, 4.30 Steve Wright, 5.30, Newsbeat, 5.45 Roundrable, 7.30 Anne Nightingale, 10.00-12.69 Rock Show,† VEF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio

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